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LAMB CROP REPORT

ILLINOIS

The 1974 lamb crop is estimated at 176,000 lambs saved--8% below last year's 191,000 head, according to the Illinois Cooperative Crop Reporting Service. The January 1 inventory of breeding ewes one year old and older, estimated at 160,000 head was 9% below a year earlier. The number of lambs saved per 100 ewes one year old and older on hand January 1 is estimated at 110, compared to 109 a year ago.

UNITED STATES

The 1974 United States lamb crop is estimated at 10.6 million head, down 8% from the 1973 crop of 11.5 million head. The January 1, 1974 number of breeding ewes 1 year old and older totaled 11.2 million, a decline of 7% from a year earlier, while ewe lambs under 1 year were down 3%. The lambing percentage for 1974 (number of lambs saved per 100 ewes 1 year old and older on hand January 1), at 95 is the same as in 1973.

LAMB CROP 1973-74

State	Breeding ewes 1 year old and older, January 1		Lambs saved per 100 ewes 1 year old & older, January 1 1/		Lambs saved 1/		
	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974	1974 as % of 1973
	- 1,000 head -		- Number -		- 1,000 head -		- Percent -
Arizona	294	301	79	79	232	238	103
California	831	843	94	89	780	750	96
Colorado	594	540	99	102	590	550	93
Idaho	547	531	109	118	596	624	105
ILLINOIS	176	160	109	110	191	176	92
Indiana	165	145	109	103	180	150	83
Iowa	410	337	105	108	431	365	85
Kansas	187	166	107	108	200	180	90
Michigan	138	131	110	109	152	143	94
Minnesota	274	259	115	117	316	304	96
Missouri	145	149	118	117	171	175	102
Montana	657	559	95	96	625	537	86
Nebraska	170	155	97	110	165	170	103
Nevada	131	125	97	97	127	121	95
New Mexico	523	503	78	80	410	400	98
North Dakota	235	215	114	117	269	251	93
Ohio	426	401	102	100	433	399	92
Oregon	315	308	104	105	328	323	98
Pennsylvania	108	108	103	107	111	116	105
South Dakota	845	701	105	115	887	806	91
Texas	2,310	2,223	85	72	1,964	1,600	81
Utah	713	615	89	94	635	578	91
Virginia	141	140	120	121	169	170	101
West Virginia	115	107	112	112	129	120	93
Wyoming	1,184	1,049	77	85	912	892	98
Other 24 States 2/	482	444	106	106	510	469	92
U.S. Total	12,116	11,215	95	95	11,513	10,607	92

1/ Lambs saved defined as lambs living July 1, or sold before July 1 in the Native States and lambs docked or branded in the Western States. 2/ State estimates not available in July.

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SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION

ILLINOIS

Wool shorn and to be shorn in Illinois during 1974, including that shorn at commercial yards, is estimated at 1,692,000 pounds. This is down 12% from last year's clip of 1,923,000 pounds.

The average fleece weight of 7.1 pounds is unchanged from a year earlier. The number of sheep shorn and to be shorn, estimated at 240,000 is 11% below the 270,000 head shorn in 1973.

UNITED STATES

Wool shorn and to be shorn in the United States during 1974 is estimated at 134.2 million pounds, grease basis. This is a decrease of 8% from the 1973 production of 145.3 million pounds. The 1974 production is equivalent to 64.0 million pounds, clean basis, compared with 69.3 million pounds in 1973 based on a conversion factor of 47.7%.

The number of sheep shorn and to be shorn, estimated at 16.3 million, was down 7% from the 17.6 million shorn in 1973. The 1974 average fleece weight is 8.24 pounds, compared with 8.25 pounds last year. Texas, the leading wool producing State, expects a wool clip of 23.7 million pounds compared with 26.4 million pounds in 1973.

WOOL SHORN 1973-74, BY STATES

State	Number sheep shorn 1/		Weight per fleece 2/		Wool Production	
	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974
	- 1,000 head -		- Pounds -		- 1,000 pounds -	
Arizona	473	498	7.4	7.1	3,511	3,536
California	1,385	1,355	8.4	7.8	5/11,585	10,622
Colorado	1,440	1,384	7.9	7.9	11,354	10,972
Idaho	627	605	10.7	10.9	6,728	6,566
ILLINOIS	270	240	7.1	7.1	1,923	1,692
Indiana	205	190	8.0	7.7	1,640	1,466
Iowa	624	510	7.5	7.6	4,694	3,855
Kansas	294	270	8.3	7.9	2,444	2,131
Michigan	201	187	8.3	8.1	1,666	1,515
Minnesota	385	364	7.8	8.1	2,989	2,963
Missouri	194	199	7.8	7.7	1,521	1,526
Montana	774	669	9.9	10.0	7,663	6,698
Nebraska	334	320	7.2	6.9	2,416	2,205
Nevada	148	140	10.1	10.0	1,495	1,400
New Mexico	682	643	9.4	9.0	6,402	5,764
North Dakota	301	294	9.3	9.2	2,799	2,704
Ohio	560	525	8.0	7.9	4,499	4,164
Oregon	569	571	7.4	7.5	4,206	4,254
Pennsylvania	132	128	7.2	7.3	950	934
South Dakota	1,070	932	9.1	9.4	9,695	8,770
Texas	3,785	3,340	7.0	7.1	26,352	23,700
Utah	774	707	10.0	10.0	7,760	7,090
Virginia	161	158	6.1	6.1	982	964
West Virginia	136	128	5.8	5.8	789	742
Wyoming	1,475	1,390	9.8	9.9	14,497	13,728
Other 24 States 2/	615	547	7.7	7.8	4,755	4,280
U. S. Total	17,614	16,294	8.25	8.24	3/145,315	134,241

1/ Includes sheep shorn at commercial feeding yards. 2/ For Texas and California the weight per fleece is the average per animal and not the average per shearing since some sheep are shorn more than once each year. 3/ Revised.

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LAMB CROP

ILLINOIS

The 1977 Illinois lamb crop is estimated at 139,000 head, 6% below the 1976 crop, according to the Illinois Cooperative Crop Reporting Service. The January 1 inventory of breeding ewes one year old and older, estimated at 125,000, was 5% below a year earlier. The number of lambs saved per 100 ewes one year old and older on hand January 1 is estimated at 111, compared with 113 a year ago.

UNITED STATES

The 1977 United States lamb crop is estimated at 8.5 million head, a 4% decline from 1976 and 13% smaller than in 1975. The January 1, 1977 inventory of breeding ewes 1 year old and older totaled 8.8 million head, down 6% from a year earlier. Ewe lambs under 1 year on January 1, 1977 totaled 1.4 million head, up 4% from last year. The 1977 lambing rate (lambs born in the Native States, and lambs docked or branded in Western States) per 100 ewes 1 year old and older on hand January 1 was 96 compared with 95 for 1976.

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WOOL PRODUCTION

ILLINOIS

Wool shorn and to be shown in Illinois during 1977, including that shorn at commercial feeding yards, is estimated at 1,323,000 pounds. This is down 7% from last year's clip of 1,428,000 pounds. The average 1977 fleece weight is 7.4 pounds, compared with 7.1 pounds last year. The number of sheep shorn and to be shown, estimated at 180,000, is 90% of the 201,000 head shorn in 1976.

UNITED STATES

Wool shorn and to be shorn in the United States during 1977 is estimated at 106.1 million pounds, grease basis, 4% less than in 1976 and 12% below 1975. The number of sheep and lambs shorn and to be shorn is estimated at 12.9 million head, a 5% decline from last year. The average fleece weight for 1977 is 8.19 pounds compared with 8.06 pounds in 1976.

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LAMB CROP: 1976-77

WOOL SHORN 1976-77, BY STATES

STATE	BREEDING EWES 1 YEAR OLD AND OLDER, JAN 1		LAMB CROP PER 100 EWES 1 YR OLD & OLDER, JAN 1 1/		LAMB CROP 1/			NUMBER SHEEP SHORN 2/		WEIGHT PER FLEECE 3/		WOOL PRODUCTION	
	1976	1977	1976	1977	1976	1977	1977 AS % OF 1976	1976	1977	1976	1977	1976	1977
	1,000 HEAD		NUMBER		1,000 HEAD		PERCENT	1,000 HEAD		POUNDS		1,000 POUNDS	
ARIZ	286	283	71	67	203	190	94	430	398	6.7	7.2	2,875	2,864
CALIF	745	710	91	90	675	639	95	1,239	1,222	7.8	7.6	9,650	9,291
COLO	452	426	103	106	465	452	97	1,090	1,040	7.8	7.7	8,538	7,976
IDAHO	460	420	115	117	529	491	93	520	489	10.7	10.9	5,562	5,329
ILL	131	125	113	111	148	139	94	201	180	7.1	7.4	1,428	1,323
IND	130	135	112	114	146	154	105	182	180	7.6	7.7	1,377	1,386
IOWA	260	260	112	112	290	292	101	435	445	7.3	7.3	3,178	3,235
KANS	112	115	107	110	120	126	105	192	194	7.7	7.8	1,483	1,512
MICH	97	91	110	113	107	103	96	146	147	7.9	7.9	1,150	1,165
MINN	203	173	117	124	237	214	90	300	262	7.4	7.3	2,231	1,913
MO	106	95	115	126	122	120	98	145	139	7.4	7.5	1,077	1,042
MONT	448	410	94	93	420	381	91	529	500	9.6	9.8	5,102	4,882
NEBR	110	91	109	110	120	100	83	233	201	7.0	7.1	1,635	1,419
NEV	111	100	92	96	102	96	94	120	110	10.2	10.4	1,224	1,144
N MEX	454	400	76	75	345	300	87	500	445	9.8	9.9	4,895	4,390
N DAK	169	158	114	123	192	194	101	236	232	9.5	9.3	2,241	2,149
OHIO	336	302	104	108	350	325	93	486	423	7.7	7.9	3,750	3,350
OREG	268	247	112	109	300	269	90	495	468	7.4	7.4	3,661	3,472
PA	91	75	105	104	96	78	81	100	92	7.1	7.1	710	653
S DAK	552	510	124	128	684	653	95	728	659	8.9	9.3	6,496	6,122
TEX	1,900	1,865	74	78	1,400	1,450	104	2,950	2,850	6.8	7.2	20,100	20,500
UTAH	481	475	90	90	433	428	99	529	516	10.3	10.6	5,428	5,453
VA	128	129	123	120	157	155	99	150	144	6.3	6.3	945	907
W VA	92	94	112	117	103	110	107	110	116	6.2	5.9	682	684
WYO	885	827	86	86	765	711	93	1,150	1,100	9.7	9.9	11,201	10,852
OTHER 24 STATES 4/	352	323	110	108	387	350	90	439	395	7.6	7.7	3,325	3,042
U S TOTAL	9,359	8,839	95	96	8,896	8,520	96	13,635	12,947	8.06	8.19	109,944	106,055

1/ LAMB CROP DEFINED AS LAMBS BORN IN THE NATIVE STATES AND LAMBS DOCKED OR BRANDED IN THE WESTERN STATES.

2/ INCLUDES SHEEP SHORN AT COMMERCIAL FEEDING YARDS.

3/ FOR TEXAS AND CALIFORNIA THE WEIGHT PER FLEECE IS THE AVERAGE PER ANIMAL AND NOT THE AVERAGE PER SHEARING SINCE SOME SHEEP ARE SHORN MORE THAN ONCE EACH YEAR.

4/ STATE ESTIMATES NOT AVAILABLE IN JULY.

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WOOL SHORN IN 1940

The 1940 wool crop in Illinois is estimated by the ILLINOIS and U. S. DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE at 5,379,000 pounds compared with 5,776,000 in 1939 and the 10-year average (1929-38) of 5,279,000 pounds.

The number of sheep shorn, including those shorn at commercial feeding yards, is placed at 688,000 head. This compares with 738,000 head in 1939 and the 10-year average of 707,000 head. Average weight of wool per sheep shorn was 7.8 pounds, the same as last year.

U. S. SUMMARY: The quantity of wool shorn or to be shorn in the United States in 1940 is estimated at 388,692,000 pounds - the largest United States production on record. The estimate is 11 million pounds, or 3 percent more than shorn wool production in 1939 and about 8 percent above the 10-year (1929-38) average.

The estimated number of sheep shorn or to be shorn this year is 48,414,000 head - about 1,000,000 head or 2 percent larger than in 1939. The average weight of wool per sheep shorn is estimated at 8.03 pounds this year compared with 7.96 pounds last.

The quantity of wool shorn in the native or fleece wool States this year is estimated at 104,050,000 pounds compared with 102,498,000 last year, with average weights per fleece about the same in the two years. The estimated quantity of wool shorn in the 13 Western sheep States is 284,642,000 pounds this year, compared with 274,899,000 last, an increase of about 3½ percent. Over 6 million of the nearly 10 million pounds increase in this area was in Texas, where the estimated production of 83,648,000 pounds sets a new record for that State. Of the other 12 Western sheep States, production was larger this year than last in 6 States and smaller in 6 States.

The estimate of 1940 production of shorn wool includes an allowance for fall wool to be shorn in Texas and California and for wool to be shorn at commercial feeding stations for the entire year. The allowance for fall wool in Texas this year is 12,922,000 pounds compared with estimated fall shearing in 1939 of 11,316,000 pounds; in California it is 3,938,000 pounds compared with 3,833,000 pounds in 1939.

The accompanying table shows, by States and regions, the estimates of shorn wool production, weights per fleece, and number of sheep shorn in 1940 and 1939 and the respective 10-year averages.

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WOOL SHORN IN 1939 AND 1940

State and Div.	Wool Production			Weight Per Fleece 1/			Number Sheep Shorn 2/		
	10-yr. ave. 1929-1938	1939	1940	10-yr. ave. 1929-38	1939	1940	10-yr. ave. 1929-38	1939	1940
	Thousand pounds			Pounds			Thousands		
Me.	379	267	248	6.1	6.2	6.2	62	43	40
N.H.	87	59	56	6.3	6.6	6.2	14	9	9
Vt.	204	143	122	6.7	6.8	6.8	30	21	18
Mass.	53	44	42	6.0	6.3	6.0	9	7	7
R.I.	12	12	12	6.6	6.0	6.0	2	2	2
Conn.	41	28	34	5.7	5.6	5.6	7	5	6
N.Y.	2,706	2,301	2,257	7.3	7.4	7.4	370	311	305
N.J.	37	30	32	6.2	6.0	6.3	6	5	5
Pa.	3,155	2,842	2,834	7.5	7.5	7.7	423	379	368
N. ATL.	6,674	5,726	5,637	7.2	7.3	7.4	923	782	760
Ohio	17,954	18,063	18,200	8.2	8.1	8.0	2,186	2,230	2,275
Ind.	5,160	5,092	5,198	7.3	7.5	7.5	706	679	693
Ill.	5,279	5,776	5,379	7.5	7.8	7.8	707	738	688
Mich.	8,488	8,448	8,725	8.1	8.1	8.2	1,049	1,043	1,064
Wis.	3,054	2,918	2,918	7.5	7.6	7.6	410	384	384
E.N.C.	39,935	40,297	40,420	7.9	7.9	7.9	5,058	5,074	5,104
Minn.	6,883	7,840	7,541	7.8	8.0	8.1	884	980	931
Iowa	8,680	9,875	10,616	7.9	7.9	8.0	1,094	1,250	1,327
Mo.	7,829	9,387	9,910	6.7	6.8	6.7	1,170	1,380	1,480
N. Dak.	6,502	6,403	6,856	8.5	8.7	8.7	767	736	788
S. Dak.	8,813	10,287	11,249	8.2	9.0	8.6	1,078	1,143	1,308
Nebr.	2,766	3,157	2,860	7.5	8.0	7.9	368	396	363
Kans.	3,346	3,753	3,874	7.1	8.2	7.6	470	456	510
W.N.C.	44,819	50,702	52,906	7.7	8.0	7.9	5,831	6,341	6,707
Del.	21	20	27	6.3	6.7	6.7	3	3	4
Md.	508	416	416	6.2	6.3	6.3	82	66	66
Va.	2,044	1,760	1,794	5.0	5.0	5.2	413	352	345
W.Va.	2,832	2,564	2,494	5.2	5.2	5.1	548	493	489
N.C.	332	239	226	4.8	4.6	4.8	70	52	47
S.C.	47	38	40	4.3	4.2	4.4	11	9	9
Ga.	106	101	111	3.5	3.6	3.7	30	28	30
Fla.	111	96	99	3.1	3.0	3.1	36	32	32
S.A.	6,001	5,234	5,207	5.0	5.1	5.1	1,193	1,035	1,022
Ky.	4,630	5,681	5,908	5.0	5.4	5.4	916	1,052	1,094
Tenn.	1,530	1,628	1,659	4.3	4.4	4.4	356	370	377
Ala.	152	148	148	3.6	3.7	3.7	42	40	40
Miss.	228	195	201	3.3	3.2	3.3	69	61	61
Ark.	250	292	277	4.5	4.5	4.4	55	65	63
La.	738	776	792	3.4	3.3	3.3	215	235	240
Okla.	1,333	2,106	2,144	7.9	8.1	8.0	166	260	268
Tex.	61,980	77,290	83,648	8.2	7.9	7.9	7,532	9,844	10,527
S.C.	70,841	88,116	94,777	7.6	7.4	7.5	9,351	11,927	12,670
Mont.	31,795	26,885	28,384	9.5	9.5	9.3	3,352	2,830	3,052
Idaho	18,050	16,606	16,454	8.9	9.2	9.5	2,034	1,805	1,732
Wyo.	30,859	32,932	32,456	9.4	9.7	9.7	3,288	3,395	3,346
Colo.	12,886	13,244	14,170	8.0	8.1	8.5	1,605	1,635	1,667
N. Mex.	16,291	15,168	15,756	7.0	7.1	7.3	2,347	2,133	2,159
Ariz.	5,157	4,856	4,841	6.1	6.3	6.6	853	769	737
Utah	20,667	19,444	21,213	8.7	8.7	9.3	2,372	2,235	2,281
Nev.	6,874	6,080	6,144	7.8	8.0	8.0	882	760	768
Wash.	6,014	6,074	5,804	9.3	9.3	9.2	648	654	629
Oreg.	19,236	16,901	16,198	8.7	8.9	9.1	2,219	1,899	1,780
Calif.	25,429	29,132	28,325	7.2	7.1	7.1	3,540	4,120	4,000
West	193,258	187,322	189,745	8.3	8.4	8.6	23,140	22,235	22,151
U.S.	361,528	377,397	388,692	7.94	7.96	8.03	45,496	47,394	48,414

1/ For Texas and California the weight per fleece is the amount of wool shorn per sheep and lamb shorn during the year.

2/ Includes sheep shorn at commercial feeding yards.

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WOOL SHORN IN 1941

The quantity of wool shorn and to be shorn in Illinois during 1941 is estimated at 5,957,000 pounds by the Illinois and U. S. Departments of Agriculture in the annual August 1st wool report. This is a record high production except for the 1933 crop which totaled 6,461,000 pounds. State production was 5,686,000 pounds last year and 5,405,000 pounds for the 10-year (1930-39) average.

An increase in both the number of sheep shorn and average weight per fleece over last year as well as the 10-year average account for the large production of wool this year. The estimated number of sheep shorn and to be shorn, including those shorn at commercial feed yards, is 751,000 head with an average weight per fleece of 7.9 pounds. Last year the average was 7.8 pounds from 733,000 head and the 10-year average is 7.5 pounds from 720,000 head shorn.

U. S. SUMMARY: The quantity of wool shorn and to be shorn in 1941 is estimated by the United States Department of Agriculture at 399,941,000 pounds. This is the largest United States production of shorn wool on record, being about 3 percent larger than the previous high production in 1940, and 9 percent above the 10-year (1930-39) average.

The larger production this year compared with last was a result both of an increased number of sheep shorn and of a larger average weight of wool per sheep shorn. The number of sheep shorn and to be shorn is estimated at 49,608,000 head compared with 48,479,000 head in 1940, and a 10-year average of 46,035,000. The estimated average weight of wool per sheep shorn is 8.06 pounds this year, compared with 8.00 pounds in 1940 and the 10-year average of 7.96. The number shorn in 1941 established a new high record.

Shorn wool production in the native or fleece wool States this year is estimated at 108,517,000 pounds from 14,759,000 sheep shorn, with an average fleece weight of 7.35 pounds. This compares with 105,325,000 pounds in 1940 from 14,560,000 sheep with an average fleece weight of 7.23 pounds. Production was up this year from last in the West North Central and South Central States and down in the North Atlantic and South Atlantic States.

The quantity of wool shorn and to be shorn in the 13 western sheep States in 1941 is estimated at 291,424,000 pounds compared with 282,438,000 pounds in 1940 and a 10-year (1930-39) average of 267,435,000 pounds. The estimated number of sheep shorn this year was 34,849,000 compared with 33,919,000 in 1940, and the average weight of wool per sheep shorn was 8.36 this year and 8.33 last. Excluding Texas and South Dakota, the estimated wool production in the 11 Western States this year is 195,121,000 pounds, from 22,398,000 sheep. The estimated production in 1940 was 190,380,000 pounds from 22,228,000 sheep. The average weight of wool per sheep was 8.7 this year and 8.6 in 1940. Because of the above-average rainfall in these States during the spring months of this year, it was thought probable that fleece weights would average lower than last year. Reports from producers in these States who sheared over 2 1/2 million sheep this year, give a higher average this year than last.

The estimate of 1941 production of shorn wool includes an allowance for fall wool to be shorn in Texas and California and for wool to be shorn at commercial feeding stations during the entire year. The allowance for fall wool in Texas this year is 12,254,000 pounds compared with the estimated 1940 fall wool of 10,296,000 pounds; in California it is 3,844,000 pounds compared with 3,636,000 in 1940.

The number of sheep shorn and the quantity of wool shorn in 1940 and 1941 shown in this report are based upon the Department of Agriculture's estimates of the number of stock sheep on farms January 1 as published in the Livestock on Farms report issued in February 1941. These numbers have not been revised on the basis of the number of sheep on farms in the spring of 1940 as enumerated by the Census of Agriculture.

The accompanying table shows, by States and regions, the estimates of shorn wool production, of weights per fleece, and of numbers of sheep shorn in 1941 and 1940, and the respective 10-year averages.

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WOOL SHORN IN 1940 AND 1941

State & Division:	Wool production: 10-yr. av. 1930-39	1940	1941	Weight per fleece 1/: 10-yr. av. 1930-39	1940	1941	Number sheep shorn 2/: 10-yr. av. 1930-39	1940	1941
	Thousand pounds			Pounds			Thousands		
N. Atl.	6,540	5,637	5,405	7.2	7.4	7.1	903	760	756
Ohio	18,197	17,840	17,893	8.2	8.0	8.1	2,216	2,230	2,209
Ind.	5,219	5,092	5,242	7.3	7.5	7.5	711	679	699
Ill.	5,405	5,686	5,957	7.5	7.8	7.9	720	733	751
Mich.	8,485	8,725	7.987	8.1	8.2	7.9	1,048	1,064	1,011
Wis.	3,057	2,918	2,842	7.5	7.6	7.4	409	384	384
E.N.C.	40,363	40,261	39,921	7.9	7.9	7.9	5,104	5,090	5,054
Minn.	7,130	8,262	8,880	7.8	8.1	8.0	914	1,020	1,110
Iowa	8,988	10,616	11,291	7.9	8.0	8.1	1,134	1,327	1,394
Mo.	8,098	9,928	10,250	6.7	6.7	6.9	1,207	1,480	1,485
N. Dak.	6,613	7,108	8,081	8.5	8.7	8.9	779	817	908
S. Dak.	9,142	11,706	13,841	8.3	8.6	8.7	1,107	1,355	1,591
Nebr.	2,814	3,274	3,358	7.6	8.1	8.3	370	405	403
Kans.	3,404	4,053	4,584	7.3	7.7	8.3	468	525	554
W.N.C.	46,189	54,947	60,285	7.7	7.9	8.1	5,979	6,929	7,445
W. Va.	2,808	2,366	2,295	5.2	5.1	5.1	544	464	450
Va.	2,009	1,794	1,794	5.0	5.2	5.2	406	345	345
S. Atl.	5,905	5,057	4,948	5.0	5.1	5.1	1,175	993	969
Ky.	4,808	5,908	6,099	5.1	5.4	5.7	938	1,094	1,070
Tenn.	1,558	1,659	1,925	4.3	4.4	5.0	361	377	385
Okla.	1,455	2,144	2,262	8.0	8.0	8.7	180	268	260
Tex.	65,031	80,352	82,462	8.2	7.8	7.6	7,948	10,336	10,860
S. C.	74,229	91,481	94,261	7.6	7.3	7.3	9,811	12,479	12,986
Mont.	31,371	29,946	32,796	9.6	9.3	9.7	3,289	3,220	3,381
Idaho	17,895	16,627	16,800	8.9	9.6	9.6	2,010	1,732	1,750
Wyo.	31,502	33,271	33,947	9.5	9.7	9.8	3,312	3,430	3,464
Colo.	12,983	14,170	13,562	8.1	8.5	8.3	1,612	1,667	1,634
N. Mex.	16,285	15,944	16,071	7.0	7.4	7.3	2,345	2,159	2,198
Ariz.	5,061	4,471	4,740	6.1	6.4	6.5	833	695	731
Utah	20,546	20,581	19,917	8.7	9.3	9.0	2,353	2,213	2,213
Nev.	6,704	5,840	5,905	7.8	8.0	8.1	857	730	729
Wash.	6,073	5,804	6,138	9.3	9.2	9.6	652	629	639
Oreg.	18,973	16,446	16,647	8.7	8.9	9.4	2,182	1,842	1,771
Calif.	25,869	27,280	28,598	7.2	7.0	7.4	3,618	3,911	3,888
West	193,262	190,380	195,121	8.4	8.6	8.7	23,063	22,228	22,398
U. S.	366,488	387,763	399,941	7.96	8.00	8.06	46,035	48,479	49,608

1/ For Texas and California the weight per fleece is the quantity of wool shorn per sheep and lamb shorn during the year.

2/ Includes sheep shorn at commercial feeding yards.

REVISED ESTIMATES FOR UNITED STATES (THOUSAND POUNDS)

	Shorn	Pulled		Shorn	Pulled
1926	269,261	49,600	1934	370,329	60,500
1927	289,404	50,100	1935	364,663	66,000
1928	314,820	51,900	1936	360,327	66,200
1929	327,795	54,500	1937	366,609	66,200
1930	352,129	61,900	1938	371,972	64,500
1931	376,301	66,100	1939	377,397	64,500
1932	350,996	67,100	1940	387,763	62,000
1933	374,152	64,200	1941	399,941	—

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SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION, 1942

The Illinois wool crop of 1942 is estimated at 6,087,000 pounds by the ILLINOIS and U. S. DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE. This is the third largest crop on record and compares with 6,155,000 last year and the 10-year average production of 5,306,000 pounds. Although the estimated number of sheep to be shorn at 761,000 head exceeds the 749,000 head shorn last year, the weight per fleece is expected to average 8.0 pounds this year compared with 8.2 pounds last year. These estimates include wool shorn on farms as well as at commercial feed yards.

UNITED STATES SUMMARY: The quantity of wool shorn or to be shorn in 1942 is estimated at 392,346,000 pounds. This quantity is the largest shorn wool production on record, being about 1/2 of 1 percent larger than the 1941 production —the previous record.

The increase in production in 1942 compared with 1941 resulted from a larger number of sheep shorn since the average weight of wool from sheep shorn this year was smaller than last. For the United States the estimated number of sheep shorn this year was 49,092,000 with an average weight of wool per head of 7.99. In 1941 the number shorn was 48,130,000 with an average weight of 8.11.

In the "Native" or fleece wool States the estimated production this year was 110,505,000 pounds, from 14,834,000 sheep with an average per sheep of 7.4 pounds. This compares with a production in 1941 of 106,011,000 pounds from 14,363,000 sheep with an average per sheep shorn of 7.4 pounds.

In the 13 Western sheep States the estimated quantity of wool shorn or to be shorn in 1942 is 281,841,000 pounds from 34,258,000 sheep with an average of 8.2 pounds per sheep. These figures compare with a production of 284,557,000 pounds in 1941 from 33,767,000 sheep with an average of 8.4. In Texas, the leading wool producing State, production this year was estimated at 79,289,000 pounds from 10,713,000 sheep shorn with an average per sheep of 7.4 pounds. In 1941 the Texas production was 80,250,000 pounds from 10,468,000 sheep with an average per sheep of 7.7 pounds. The estimated production this year includes an allowance for fall wool of 13,298,000 pounds in Texas and 3,345,000 pounds in California. The estimated fall wool in these States in 1941 was 14,300,000 and 3,373,000 pounds respectively.

Although the total grease wool production and average fleece weights in the Western States were below last year, it is probable that there was no reduction in the total quantity or average fleece weight on a scoured wool basis. As a result of the above-average rainfall in many of these States during the spring months, fleeces were cleaner than last year.

The accompanying table shows by States and regions the estimates of sheep shorn, of weight per fleece, and of shorn wool production in 1942 and 1941 and the respective 10-year averages.

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WOOL SHORN IN 1941 AND 1942

State & Division:	Wool production: 10-yr. av. 1931-40	Wool production: 1941	Wool production: 1942	Weight per fleece: 10-yr. av. 1931-40	Weight per fleece: 1941	Weight per fleece: 1942	Number sheep shorn: 10-yr. av. 1931-40	Number sheep shorn: 1941	Number sheep shorn: 1942
	Thousand pounds			Pounds			Thousands		
Me.	334	236	224	6.1	6.2	6.4	55	38	35
N. H.	75	49	50	6.2	6.1	6.2	12	8	8
Vt.	181	124	124	6.7	6.5	6.9	27	19	18
Mass.	49	42	42	6.0	6.0	6.0	8	7	7
R. I.	12	12	12	5.9	5.9	5.9	2	2	2
Conn.	36	24	24	5.7	5.9	6.0	6	4	4
N. Y.	2,498	2,002	2,065	7.3	7.1	7.4	342	282	279
N. J.	37	40	40	6.3	6.6	6.7	6	6	6
Pa.	3,042	2,398	2,595	7.5	7.4	7.7	406	324	337
N. Atl.	6,264	4,927	5,176	7.3	7.1	7.4	864	690	696
Ohio	17,686	15,706	16,575	8.2	8.1	8.3	2,150	1,939	1,997
Ind.	5,121	4,920	5,168	7.4	7.5	7.5	697	656	689
ILL.	5,306	6,155	6,087	7.6	8.2	8.0	704	749	761
Mich.	8,036	6,849	6,656	8.1	7.9	8.0	993	867	832
Wis.	3,019	2,797	2,956	7.5	7.4	7.6	401	378	389
E.N.C.	39,168	36,427	37,442	7.9	7.9	8.0	4,945	4,589	4,668
Minn.	7,256	8,769	9,038	7.7	7.9	7.9	937	1,110	1,144
Iowa	8,934	10,967	11,496	7.9	8.1	8.0	1,128	1,354	1,437
Mo.	8,424	10,621	11,088	6.7	6.9	7.0	1,251	1,535	1,584
N. Dak.	6,695	8,491	8,721	8.6	8.9	8.8	784	954	991
S. Dak.	9,527	15,019	16,423	8.2	8.7	8.5	1,155	1,725	1,940
Nebr.	2,954	3,496	4,067	7.9	8.6	8.5	374	408	481
Kans.	3,609	5,665	6,268	7.5	8.2	8.4	482	690	750
W.N.C.	86,567	99,455	104,543	7.8	8.0	8.0	11,056	12,365	12,995
Del.	18	13	13	6.4	6.5	6.5	3	2	2
Md.	461	340	351	6.2	6.3	6.5	74	54	54
Va.	1,969	1,760	1,688	5.0	5.1	5.1	396	345	331
W. Va.	2,713	2,162	2,226	5.1	5.1	5.3	528	424	420
N. C.	300	225	230	4.8	4.9	5.1	63	46	45
S. C.	43	30	25	4.6	5.0	5.0	10	6	5
Ga.	98	70	70	3.8	4.1	4.4	26	17	16
Fla.	99	73	69	3.1	3.3	3.3	32	22	21
S. Atl.	5,701	4,673	4,672	5.0	5.1	5.2	1,132	916	894
Ky.	4,831	5,603	5,918	5.2	5.7	5.9	936	983	1,003
Tenn.	1,572	1,890	1,925	4.4	5.0	5.0	360	378	385
Ala.	147	135	139	3.8	4.1	4.1	39	33	34
Miss.	220	184	190	3.3	3.4	3.4	66	54	56
Ark.	307	447	460	4.6	5.2	5.0	66	86	92
La.	751	826	797	3.4	3.4	3.2	221	243	249
Okla.	1,754	2,890	3,108	8.2	8.5	8.4	211	340	370
Tex.	68,184	80,250	79,289	8.2	7.7	7.4	8,334	10,468	10,713
S. C.	77,766	92,225	91,826	7.6	7.3	7.1	10,233	12,585	12,902
Mont.	30,680	33,149	32,402	9.5	9.6	9.2	3,237	3,453	3,522
Idaho	17,827	16,963	16,685	9.1	9.6	9.4	1,972	1,767	1,775
Wyo.	31,228	33,379	33,038	9.5	9.8	9.7	3,280	3,406	3,406
Colo.	13,103	13,561	13,958	8.1	8.3	8.3	1,612	1,634	1,684
N. Mex.	16,176	17,294	16,440	7.3	8.0	7.9	2,231	2,175	2,069
Ariz.	4,961	4,492	4,509	6.2	6.4	6.4	808	702	706
Utah	20,160	20,106	20,295	8.7	9.0	9.0	2,314	2,234	2,255
Nev.	6,557	5,893	6,089	8.0	8.3	8.6	826	710	708
Wash.	5,884	5,778	5,400	9.2	9.5	9.1	641	608	593
Oreg.	17,417	14,058	12,923	8.7	9.2	8.9	2,009	1,528	1,452
Calif.	23,867	24,615	24,390	7.1	7.3	7.1	3,346	3,357	3,435
West.	187,860	189,288	186,129	8.4	8.8	8.6	22,276	21,574	21,605
U. S.	364,158	390,568	392,346	7.99	8.11	7.99	45,561	48,130	49,092

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SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION - 1943

The 1943 wool crop in Illinois is estimated at 6,021,000 pounds according to the preliminary report issued by the ILLINOIS and U. S. DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE. This total compares with the record high production last year of 6,644,000 pounds and the 10-year average of 5,406,000 pounds. Weight per fleece at 7.7 pounds was practically the same as last year, but the estimated 784,000 sheep to be shorn is nearly 50,000 less than the 833,000 shorn in 1942. These estimates include wool shorn on farms as well as in commercial feed yards.

The quantity of wool shorn or to be shorn in the United States in 1943 is estimated at 376,822,000 pounds. This quantity is 15,500,000 pounds or about 4 percent smaller than the record production in 1942, but about 11 million pounds or 3 percent above the 10-year (1932-41) average.

The decrease in production from 1942 is a result of the smaller number of sheep shorn, as the average weight of wool per sheep shorn is practically the same this year as last. For the United States the estimated number of sheep shorn or to be shorn this year is 47,674,000, compared with 49,784,000 in 1942 and the 10-yr. average of 45,691,000. The average weight of wool per sheep shorn this year is 7.90 pounds, compared with 7.88 in 1942 and the 10-year average of 8.00.

In the "Native" or fleece-wool States, wool production in 1943 is estimated at 107,680,000 pounds with an average fleece weight of 7.30 pounds, compared with production of 112,751,000 pounds in 1942 and an average fleece weight of 7.27. The estimated production in these States includes wool shorn or to be shorn in commercial feed lots as well as on farms.

Shorn wool production in the 13 Western wool States is estimated at 269,142,000 pounds, compared with 279,622,000 pounds in 1942. The number of sheep shorn this year is 32,920,000 compared with 34,284,000 in 1942. The average weight of wool per sheep shorn is 8.18 pounds this year and 8.16 last. The number of sheep shorn or to be shorn is below last year in all of the States except South Dakota. Estimated production in these States includes an allowance for fall wool to be shorn in Texas and California. In Texas the allowance of 7,557,000 pounds compares with the estimated fall production in 1942 of 8,787,000 pounds; in California the corresponding figures are 3,144,000 pounds this year and 3,120,000 pounds last.

The table on the other side of this sheet shows by States and regions the estimates of sheep shorn, weight per fleece and shorn wool production in 1943 and 1942, and the respective 10-year averages.

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WOOL SHORN IN 1942 AND 1943

State and Division	Wool production			Weight per fleece			Number sheep shorn		
	10-yr. av. 1932-41	1942	1943	10-yr.av. 1932-41	1942	1943	10-yr.av. 1932-41	1942	1943
	Thousand pounds			Pounds			Thousands		
Me.	309	243	265	6.1	6.4	6.3	51	38	42
N.H.	69	56	55	6.2	6.2	6.1	11	9	9
Vt.	168	131	125	6.7	6.9	6.6	25	19	19
Mass.	48	42	42	6.0	6.0	6.0	8	7	7
R.I.	12	12	12	5.9	5.9	5.9	2	2	2
Conn.	34	24	24	5.8	6.0	6.0	6	4	4
N.Y.	2,398	2,065	2,016	7.3	7.4	7.1	329	279	284
N.J.	37	40	40	6.3	6.7	6.7	6	6	6
Pa.	2,957	2,595	2,572	7.5	7.7	7.5	395	337	343
N. ATL.	6,032	5,208	5,151	7.26	7.43	7.19	833	701	716
Ohio	17,493	16,575	15,934	8.2	8.3	7.9	2,137	1,997	2,017
Ind.	5,080	5,490	5,074	7.4	6.8	7.3	690	807	695
Ill.	5,406	6,644	6,021	7.6	8.0	7.7	710	833	784
Mich.	7,852	6.448	6,092	8.0	8.0	7.8	976	806	781
Wis.	2,978	3,102	3,057	7.5	7.4	7.7	395	422	397
E.N. CENT.	38,809	38,259	36,178	7.91	7.86	7.74	4,908	4,865	4,674
Minn.	7,474	9,298	9,022	7.8	7.9	7.9	964	1,177	1,142
Iowa	9,215	12,172	10,152	7.9	7.1	8.0	1,162	1,709	1,269
Mo.	8,745	11,052	10,190	6.8	6.9	6.6	1,294	1,594	1,554
N. Dak.	6,843	8,976	8,406	8.6	8.8	8.5	797	1,020	989
S. Dak.	10,147	16,423	16,114	8.3	8.5	8.2	1,222	1,940	1,954
Nebr.	3,005	4,086	4,744	8.0	8.3	8.3	374	490	569
Kans.	3,851	5,921	6,990	7.6	8.5	8.5	503	697	820
W.N.CENT.	49,280	67,928	65,618	7.79	7.87	7.91	6,316	8,627	8,297
N. CENT.	88,089	106,187	101,796	7.83	7.87	7.85	11,224	13,492	12,971
Del.	17	13	13	6.4	6.5	6.5	3	2	2
Md.	442	351	316	6.2	6.5	6.2	71	54	51
Va.	1,922	1,724	1,673	5.0	5.1	5.1	386	338	328
W. Va.	2,627	2,178	2,096	5.1	5.3	5.2	513	411	403
N. C.	284	230	260	4.8	5.1	5.2	59	45	50
S. C.	41	25	25	4.7	5.0	5.0	9	5	5
Ga.	94	70	69	3.8	4.4	4.3	25	16	16
Fla.	96	69	64	3.2	3.3	3.2	30	21	20
S. ATL.	5,523	4,660	4,516	5.04	5.22	5.16	1,096	892	875
Ky.	4,968	6,318	5,638	5.2	5.4	5.8	951	1,163	972
Tenn.	1,607	1,925	1,945	4.4	5.0	5.0	363	385	389
Ala.	146	139	143	3.8	4.1	4.2	38	34	34
Miss.	211	190	211	3.3	3.4	3.4	64	56	62
Ark.	329	460	451	4.7	5.0	4.9	69	92	92
La.	758	816	749	3.4	3.2	3.2	224	255	234
Okla.	1,936	3,071	3,194	8.3	8.3	8.8	232	370	363
Tex.	70,873	74,994	77,748	8.2	7.2	7.5	8,697	10,474	10,305
S. CENT.	80,828	87,913	90,079	7.61	6.85	7.23	10,638	12,829	12,451
Mont.	30,174	32,964	29,975	9.4	9.2	8.9	3,196	3,583	3,368
Idaho	17,581	16,863	14,489	9.1	9.5	9.3	1,935	1,775	1,558
Wyo.	30,966	33,320	33,340	9.5	9.7	9.8	3,260	3,435	3,402
Colo.	13,105	14,896	14,834	8.2	8.3	8.5	1,602	1,797	1,752
N.Mex.	16,242	16,726	15,267	7.4	8.0	7.7	2,197	2,103	1,972
Ariz.	4,858	4,577	4,417	6.2	6.5	6.4	786	706	688
Utah	19,748	20,898	20,286	8.7	9.0	9.2	2,268	2,322	2,205
Nev.	6,258	5,788	5,355	8.0	8.6	8.2	786	673	653
Wash.	5,843	5,496	4,934	9.2	9.2	9.1	638	595	543
Oreg.	16,623	12,923	10,127	8.7	8.9	8.2	1,912	1,452	1,235
Calif.	23,719	23,954	22,256	7.2	7.0	6.8	3,320	3,429	3,285
WEST.	185,117	188,405	175,280	8.47	8.61	8.48	21,900	21,870	20,661
U.S.	365,589	392,373	376,822	8.00	7.88	7.90	45,691	49,784	47,674

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SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION - 1944

The wool crop shorn in Illinois during 1944 will total 5,485,000 pounds according to preliminary estimates of the Illinois and U. S. Departments of Agriculture. This is the smallest production since 1940 and compares with 6,621,000 pounds in 1943 and the 10-year average production of 5,560,000 pounds. The smaller production is due to a 16 percent reduction from last year in the number of sheep shorn, plus a slight reduction in average weight per fleece. The 716,000 sheep shorn in 1944 will average 7.7 pounds per fleece compared with an average of 7.8 pounds shorn from 854,000 sheep in 1943. These estimates include wool shorn at commercial feeding yards.

The quantity of wool shorn and to be shorn in 1944 in the United States is estimated at 355,129,000 pounds. This quantity is 29,249,000 pounds or about 8 percent smaller than shorn wool production in 1943 and about 4 percent below the 10-year (1933-42) average; and it is the smallest production since 1936.

The reduction in shorn wool this year was a result largely of the decrease in the number of sheep shorn, although there was a small decrease in the average weight per fleece. The estimated number of sheep shorn, and to be shorn, in 1944 is 45,254,000 head. The number is down 3,319,000 head or about 7 percent from 1943 and is 2 percent below the 10-year average. The average weight per fleece in 1944 is estimated at 7.85 pounds, compared with 7.91 in 1943 and the 10-year average of 8.0. It is the smallest average weight since 1932.

In the "native" or "fleece" wool States the estimated production this year is 98,166,000 pounds from 13,610,000 sheep shorn with an average weight per fleece of 7.21 pounds. Compared with 1943, wool shorn is down 11,910,000 pounds or about 11 percent, the number of sheep shorn is down 1,428,000 head or 9 percent and the weight per fleece is down from 7.32 pounds to 7.21 pounds. This is the smallest production of "fleece" wool since 1939. Included in the estimate of wool production in native sheep States is the wool shorn at commercial feeding stations located in these States. The number shorn or to be shorn in 1944 at these stations is estimated as less than half the 1943 number. Numbers shorn in 1943 were quite large as a result of the program to increase shearling production.

Shorn wool production in 1944 in the 13 Western Sheep States (the 11 Western States, South Dakota and Texas) is estimated at 256,963,000 pounds, a decrease of 17,339,000 pounds or about 6 percent. The number of sheep shorn, estimated at 31,644,000 head, was down 1,891,000 or about 6 percent and the weight per fleece was down from 8.18 pounds to 8.12. Wool production was smaller than last year in all of these States except Texas, largely as a result of the decreases in stock sheep numbers. The average fleece weights were down in Utah and South Dakota and in all of the Rocky Mountain States except Montana, but were larger or unchanged in the other States. The largest decreases in fleece weights were in Wyoming, Colorado, Utah and Western South Dakota. The largest increases were in Oregon and Idaho. Although the estimated number of sheep shorn and to be shorn in Texas is smaller in 1944 than in 1943 this decrease is more than offset by a small increase in the average weight of wool per sheep shorn. The estimated quantity of spring shorn wool in Texas is a little smaller than in 1943, but the quantity of fall shorn is estimated to be a little larger. The allowance for fall shorn wool in Texas this year is 10,176,000 pounds, compared with the estimate of 9,816,000 pounds for the fall of 1943; for California the corresponding figures are 2,852,000 pounds this year and 3,263,000 pounds last.

Market reports state that 1944 wool appraised for the Commodity Credit Corporation to the end of July was of lighter shrinkage than was the 1943 wool appraised for the Corporation. Since the Corporation only bought part of the 1943 shorn wool and is buying practically all of the 1944 wool, this comparison may not mean that the 1944 clip is of lighter shrinkage than was the whole of the 1943 clip. If the 1944 wool, however, is of materially lighter shrinkage the clean content of the 1944 wool will show a relatively smaller decrease from the clean content of the 1943 wool than the decrease shown by the grease weight.

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WOOL SHORN IN 1943 AND 1944

State and Division	Wool production			Weight per fleece			Number sheep shorn		
	10-yr. av. 1933-42	1943	1944	10-yr. av. 1933-42	1943	1944	10-yr. av. 1933-42	1943	1944
	Thousand pounds			Pounds			Thousands		
Me.	289	252	252	6.1	6.3	6.3	47	40	40
N. H.	64	61	61	6.2	6.1	6.1	10	10	10
Vt.	158	125	130	6.7	6.6	6.5	24	19	20
Mass.	46	48	42	6.0	6.0	6.0	8	8	7
R. I.	12	12	12	5.9	5.9	6.0	2	2	2
Conn.	31	30	36	5.8	6.0	6.0	5	5	6
N. Y.	2,331	2,016	1,884	7.3	7.1	6.9	319	284	273
N. J.	37	40	48	6.4	6.7	6.9	6	6	7
Pa.	2,900	2,572	2,498	7.5	7.5	7.5	386	343	333
N. ATL.	5,868	5,156	4,963	7.28	7.19	7.11	807	717	698
Ohio	17,397	16,084	14,157	8.2	7.9	7.8	2,120	2,036	1,815
Ind.	5,103	4,979	4,522	7.3	7.3	7.2	699	682	628
ILL.	5,560	6,621	5,485	7.7	7.8	7.7	724	854	716
Mich.	7,636	6,224	5,717	8.0	7.8	7.8	952	798	733
Wis.	2,974	3,149	3,169	7.5	7.7	7.6	395	409	417
E.N. CENT.	38,670	37,057	33,050	7.92	7.75	7.67	4,890	4,779	4,309
Minn.	7,740	9,298	8,793	7.8	7.9	7.7	993	1,177	1,142
Iowa	9,594	10,704	9,848	7.9	8.0	8.0	1,225	1,338	1,231
Mo.	9,128	10,711	10,062	6.8	6.7	6.7	1,346	1,609	1,498
N. Dak.	6,977	8,406	7,743	8.6	8.5	8.7	807	989	890
S. Dak.	10,913	15,473	13,703	8.3	8.2	7.9	1,307	1,876	1,726
Nebr.	3,182	4,744	3,309	8.1	8.3	8.5	392	569	390
Kans.	4,128	7,155	5,563	7.8	8.5	8.1	527	839	685
W.N. CENT.	51,662	66,491	59,021	7.82	7.92	7.80	6,597	8,397	7,562
N. CENT.	90,332	103,548	92,071	7.85	7.86	7.76	11,487	13,176	11,871
Del.	16	13	13	6.5	6.5	6.5	2	2	2
Md.	422	304	290	6.3	6.2	6.3	68	49	46
Va.	1,876	1,673	1,637	5.0	5.1	5.1	376	328	321
W. Va.	2,545	2,096	1,907	5.1	5.2	5.1	498	403	374
N. C.	274	250	255	4.9	5.2	5.1	56	48	50
S. C.	39	25	20	4.8	5.0	5.0	8	5	4
Ga.	91	69	60	3.9	4.3	4.3	24	16	14
Fla.	91	64	66	3.2	3.2	3.3	29	20	20
S. ATL.	5,354	4,494	4,248	5.05	5.16	5.11	1,061	871	831
Ky.	5,162	5,638	4,794	5.3	5.8	5.6	980	972	856
Tenn.	1,644	1,965	1,845	4.5	5.0	5.0	364	393	369
Ala.	145	143	131	3.9	4.2	4.1	37	34	32
Miss.	204	211	198	3.3	3.4	3.3	61	62	60
Ark.	350	451	436	4.8	4.9	4.9	73	92	89
La.	764	749	688	3.3	3.2	3.1	229	234	222
Okla.	2,133	3,194	2,495	8.4	8.8	8.1	254	363	308
Tex.	72,662	80,713	81,000	8.1	7.6	7.7	9,039	10,607	10,562
S. CENT.	83,064	93,064	91,587	7.56	7.30	7.33	11,037	12,757	12,498
Mont.	30,216	30,945	28,471	9.4	8.9	8.9	3,212	3,477	3,199
Idaho	17,617	14,814	13,696	9.2	9.3	9.7	1,919	1,593	1,412
Wyo.	31,146	32,997	29,118	9.6	9.8	9.5	3,258	3,367	3,065
Colo.	13,363	15,458	13,259	8.2	8.6	8.2	1,622	1,805	1,617
N. Mex.	16,226	15,718	14,742	7.6	7.8	7.6	2,155	2,015	1,928
Ariz.	4,794	4,331	4,196	6.2	6.6	6.6	770	654	632
Utah	19,954	20,718	18,585	8.8	9.2	8.6	2,265	2,252	2,161
Nev.	6,158	5,355	4,998	8.1	8.2	8.5	763	653	588
Wash.	5,842	4,934	4,232	9.2	9.1	9.1	637	543	464
Oreg.	16,101	10,471	9,870	8.8	8.2	8.9	1,833	1,277	1,109
Calif.	23,692	22,375	21,093	7.1	6.6	6.6	3,326	3,416	3,181
WEST	185,109	178,116	162,260	8.52	8.46	8.38	21,760	21,052	19,356
U. S.	369,727	384,378	355,129	8.01	7.91	7.85	46,152	48,573	45,254

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Office of Agricultural Statistician, P.O.Box 429, Springfield, Illinois, Aug. 17, 1945

SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION - 1945

The 1945 Illinois wool crop is estimated at 4,716,000 pounds, the smallest since 1929, according to the ILLINOIS AND U. S. DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE. This total compares with 5,024,000 in 1944 and the 10-year average of 5,576,000 pounds. Peak production was 6,644,000 pounds in 1942.

Although the average weight per fleece of 7.9 pounds was slightly larger than last year, there were only 597,000 sheep shorn compared with 647,000 in 1944 and 718,000 head for the 10-year average. These estimates include sheep and wool shorn at commercial feed lots.

The quantity of wool shorn and to be shorn in 1945 in the United States is estimated at 322,621,000 pounds. This quantity is 24,473,000 pounds or 7 percent smaller than shorn wool production in 1944 and 69,752,000 pounds or 18 percent below the record production in 1942. It is the smallest production since 1928.

The reduction in shorn wool this year from last was a result of the decrease in the number of sheep shorn since the average weight per fleece was a little larger than last year. The estimated number of sheep shorn or to be shorn this year is 40,670,000 - down 3,654,000 or 8 percent from last year and 9,114,000 head or 18 percent from 1942. The estimated weight per fleece this year is 7.93 pounds compared with 7.85 pounds in 1944 and a 10-year (1934-43) average of 7.99 pounds.

Shorn wool production in the "native" or "fleece" wool States in 1945 is estimated at 84,932,000 pounds from 11,689,000 sheep with an average fleece weight of 7.27 pounds. This compares with a production of 93,544,000 pounds in 1944 from 12,977,000 sheep with a fleece weight of 7.21 pounds. This is the smallest production in these States since 1928. Compared with last year, production from farm flocks was down in nearly all of important wool states but there is an increase in the estimated production at commercial feed lots.

In the 13 Western sheep States (the 11 Western States, South Dakota and Texas) shorn wool production this year is estimated at 237,689,000 pounds, compared with 253,550,000 pounds in 1944 and the peak production of 284,557,000 pounds in 1941. The number of sheep shorn and to be shorn is estimated at 28,981,000 - down 2,366,000 or about 8 percent from a year earlier. The average production of wool per sheep shorn was 8.20 pounds this year as against 8.09 pounds last. The number of sheep shorn was below last year in all of these States and wool production was down in all of them except Colorado, where heavier fleeces a little more than offset the decrease in sheep shorn. The estimates for Texas and California include an allowance for fall shorn sheep and lamb wool. The allowance for Texas is 9,621,000 pounds this year compared with 10,084,000 last and for California 2,622,000 pounds compared with 3,264,000.

Reports of the Commodity Credit Corporation, which is again buying nearly all of the domestic production of wool, show that to the end of July the equivalent of about 150,000,000 pounds of greasy shorn wool had been appraised. To the same date last year the equivalent of about 160,000,000 pounds had been appraised.

The accompanying table shows the estimated number of sheep shorn, weight per fleece, and wool production by States and groups of States for 1944 and 1945 and the 10-year (1934-43) average.

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WOOL SHORN IN 1944 AND 1945

State and Division	Wool Production			Weight per Fleece			Number Sheep Shorn		
	10-yr. av. 1934-43	1944	1945	10-yr. av. 1934-43	1944	1945	10-yr. av. 1934-43	1944	1945
	Thousand pounds			Pounds			Thousands		
Me.	275	246	224	6.2	6.3	6.4	45	39	35
N.H.	62	61	54	6.2	6.1	6.0	10	10	9
Vt.	149	130	102	6.7	6.5	6.4	22	20	16
Mass.	45	42	36	6.0	6.0	6.0	7	7	6
R.I.	12	12	12	5.9	6.0	6.0	2	2	2
Conn.	29	36	36	5.8	6.0	6.0	5	6	6
N.Y.	2,262	1,884	1,704	7.3	6.9	7.1	310	273	240
N.J.	38	48	38	6.4	6.9	6.4	6	7	6
Pa.	2,828	2,498	2,095	7.5	7.5	7.3	376	333	287
N.Atl.	5,700	4,957	4,301	7.28	7.11	7.09	783	697	607
Ohio	17,160	13,088	12,231	8.2	7.8	8.1	2,098	1,678	1,510
Ind.	5,083	4,126	3,648	7.3	7.2	7.4	696	573	493
Ill.	5,576	5,024	4,716	7.8	7.8	7.9	718	647	597
Mich.	7,418	5,608	5,001	8.0	7.8	7.9	926	719	633
Wis.	2,990	2,886	2,633	7.6	7.6	7.7	395	380	342
E.N.Cent.	38,227	30,734	28,229	7.91	7.69	7.90	4,833	3,997	3,575
Minn.	7,988	8,177	7,492	7.8	7.7	7.7	1,022	1,062	973
Iowa	9,866	9,752	8,557	7.9	8.0	7.8	1,258	1,219	1,097
Mo.	9,425	9,596	8,406	6.8	6.7	6.7	1,390	1,426	1,251
N.Dak.	7,112	7,578	6,519	8.6	8.7	8.6	822	871	758
S.Dak.	11,540	13,703	11,448	8.3	7.9	7.8	1,379	1,726	1,469
Nebr.	3,337	3,149	2,593	8.2	8.5	8.5	407	370	305
Kans.	4,504	5,148	5,232	8.0	8.2	8.4	561	626	623
W.N.Cent.	53,772	57,103	50,247	7.85	7.82	7.76	6,839	7,300	6,476
N.Cent.	91,999	87,837	78,476	7.86	7.78	7.81	11,672	11,297	10,051
Del.	15	13	13	6.5	6.5	6.5	2	2	2
Md.	400	290	281	6.3	6.3	6.1	64	46	46
Va.	1,827	1,601	1,586	5.0	5.1	5.1	364	314	311
W.Va.	2,453	1,851	1,703	5.1	5.1	5.1	480	363	334
N.C.	265	235	224	4.9	5.1	5.1	54	46	44
S.C.	36	20	20	4.9	5.0	5.0	8	4	4
Ga.	87	60	60	4.0	4.3	4.3	22	14	14
Fla.	87	66	61	3.2	3.3	3.2	27	20	19
S.Atl.	5,170	4,136	3,943	5.07	5.11	5.10	1,021	809	774
Ky.	5,286	4,794	4,342	5.3	5.6	5.9	989	856	736
Tenn.	1,677	1,845	1,790	4.6	5.0	5.1	366	369	351
Ala.	144	131	113	4.0	4.1	4.2	37	32	27
Miss.	201	198	194	3.3	3.3	3.4	60	60	57
Ark.	369	436	356	4.8	4.9	4.5	76	89	79
La.	764	710	719	3.3	3.2	3.3	231	222	218
Okla.	2,337	2,203	2,141	8.5	8.1	8.3	276	272	258
Tex.	73,254	80,180	78,908	7.9	7.7	7.7	9,313	10,465	10,191
S.Cent.	84,032	90,497	88,563	7.42	7.52	7.43	11,348	12,305	11,917
Mont.	29,974	27,866	23,958	9.4	8.9	9.0	3,205	3,131	2,662
Idaho	17,362	13,551	12,079	9.3	9.7	9.4	1,876	1,397	1,285
Wyo.	31,465	27,591	25,631	9.6	9.2	9.5	3,270	2,999	2,698
Colo.	13,631	13,259	13,372	8.3	8.2	8.7	1,648	1,617	1,537
N. Mex.	16,055	14,574	13,837	7.6	7.7	8.1	2,107	1,886	1,703
Ariz.	4,728	4,126	3,891	6.3	6.7	6.6	750	618	588
Utah	20,035	18,206	17,901	8.9	8.6	9.0	2,259	2,117	1,989
Nev.	6,034	4,998	4,640	8.1	8.5	8.3	744	588	559
Wash.	5,767	4,232	3,670	9.2	9.1	8.9	629	464	411
Oreg.	15,270	9,759	8,387	8.8	8.8	8.7	1,739	1,109	964
Calif.	22,527	21,505	19,967	7.0	6.7	6.8	3,355	3,230	2,925
West.	183,848	159,667	147,533	8.53	8.34	8.51	21,582	19,156	17,321
U.S.	370,749	347,094	322,621	7.99	7.83	7.93	46,406	44,324	40,670

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SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION - 1946

Wool production in Illinois will total 4,670,000 pounds in 1946, according to estimates of the Illinois and U. S. Departments of Agriculture. Although the average weight per fleece of 8.1 pounds equaled the 1945 weight and was the second highest on record, the total clip is expected to be 10 percent less than last year and 16 percent below the 10-year average due to fewer sheep shorn. The estimated number of sheep shorn at 578,000 head is 10 percent less than last year, 19 percent less than the 10-year average and is the smallest total since 1920. These estimates include sheep and wool shorn at commercial feed lots.

The quantity of wool shorn and to be shorn in the United States during 1946 is estimated at 298,978,000 pounds. This production is 22 million pounds (7 percent) below the shorn wool production in 1945. It is about 70 million pounds or 19 percent below the 1935-44 average and the smallest production of shorn wool since 1927.

The reduction in shorn wool this year was a result of the decrease in the number of sheep shorn, as the average weight per fleece was higher than last year, above the average, and the highest since 1933. The estimated number of sheep shorn or to be shorn this year is 36,836,000 head. This number is down 3.5 million head or 9 percent from last year and is 9.4 million or 20 percent below the average. The estimated weight per fleece this year is 8.12 pounds, compared with 7.96 pounds in 1945 and the average of 7.98 pounds.

Production of shorn wool in the "native" or "fleece" wool States is estimated at 75,096,000 pounds from 10,294,000 sheep, with an average fleece weight of 7.30 pounds. In 1945 the production was 84,001,000 pounds from 11,544,000 sheep, with an average fleece weight of 7.28 pounds. Production in 1946 was the smallest since 1926 for these States. It was below last year in all of the important "fleece" wool States except Wisconsin and Tennessee. Production at commercial feed lots also was smaller than last year.

In the 13 Western Sheep States (the 11 Western States and South Dakota and Texas) shorn wool production is estimated at 223,882,000 pounds, compared with 237,016,000 pounds in 1945. The 1946 production is the smallest since 1927 and about 61 million pounds below the peak production of 284,557,000 pounds in 1941. The number of sheep shorn and to be shorn is set at 26,542,000 head, about 2½ million head (8 percent) under last year. The average weight per fleece was 8.44 pounds. Last year it was 8.23 pounds. The number of sheep shorn was below last year in all of these States. Production was down in all States except Arizona and Nevada, where higher average weights per fleece more than offset the decrease in the number shorn. The average weights were up from last year in all States except Washington and Oregon. Wool production in Texas is above the average, with the number of sheep shorn still at a fairly high level. The Texas clip is expected to reach 76.8 million pounds, down 2.3 million pounds from last year. The estimates for Texas and California include an allowance for fall shorn sheep and lamb wool. The allowance for Texas is 9,292,000 pounds this year, compared with a production of 9,864,000 last year. For California the allowance is 2,448,000 pounds, compared with 3,063,000 last year.

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WOOL SHORN IN 1945 AND 1946

State and Division	Wool Production			Weight per fleece			Number sheep shorn 2/		
	10-yr.av. 1935-44	1945	1946 3/	10-yr.av. 1935-44	1945	1946 3/	10-yr.av. 1935-44	1945	1946 3/
	Thousand pounds			Pounds			Thousands		
Me.	262	205	183	6.2	6.4	6.3	42	32	29
N.H.	59	48	46	6.2	6.0	6.5	10	8	7
Vt.	143	102	92	6.7	6.4	6.6	22	16	14
Mass.	44	42	41	6.0	6.0	5.9	7	7	7
R.I.	12	12	12	5.9	6.0	6.0	2	2	2
Conn.	29	36	36	5.8	6.0	6.0	5	6	6
N.Y.	2,177	1,704	1,469	7.2	7.1	7.2	300	240	204
N.J.	38	38	41	6.5	6.4	6.8	6	6	6
Pa.	2,752	2,095	1,961	7.5	7.3	7.6	366	287	258
Ohio	16,535	11,956	11,147	8.1	8.1	8.3	2,039	1,476	1,343
Ind.	4,959	3,648	3,241	7.3	7.4	7.4	682	493	438
Ill.	5,562	5,189	4,670	7.8	8.1	8.1	715	641	578
Mich.	7,136	5,001	4,520	8.0	7.9	8.1	894	633	558
Wis.	2,982	2,426	2,591	7.6	7.7	7.9	393	315	328
Minn.	8,092	7,015	6,029	7.8	7.7	7.7	1,037	911	783
Iowa	9,960	8,557	7,368	7.9	7.8	8.0	1,271	1,097	921
Mo.	9,565	8,619	7,523	6.8	6.8	6.7	1,412	1,267	1,117
N.Dak.	7,164	6,226	5,159	8.7	8.6	8.7	825	724	593
S.Dak.	11,902	11,087	9,650	8.3	7.8	8.2	1,426	1,422	1,183
Nebr.	3,379	2,724	2,227	8.3	8.4	8.5	408	326	262
Kans.	4,677	5,131	3,816	8.0	8.4	8.3	578	609	461
Del.	14	13	13	6.5	6.5	6.5	2	2	2
Md.	378	281	267	6.3	6.1	6.2	60	46	43
Va.	1,778	1,535	1,459	5.0	5.1	5.1	353	301	286
W.Va.	2,347	1,668	1,627	5.1	5.1	5.3	459	327	307
N.C.	256	224	228	5.0	5.1	5.3	51	44	43
S.C.	33	20	20	4.9	5.0	5.0	7	4	4
Ga.	82	60	62	4.1	4.3	4.4	20	14	14
Fla.	82	61	61	3.2	3.2	3.2	26	19	19
Ky.	5,299	4,342	4,326	5.4	5.9	6.0	983	736	721
Tenn.	1,704	1,790	1,805	4.6	5.1	5.1	366	351	354
Ala.	140	113	119	4.0	4.2	4.4	35	27	27
Miss.	198	194	194	3.4	3.4	3.4	59	57	57
Ark.	386	356	336	4.8	4.5	4.6	80	79	73
La.	762	719	698	3.3	3.3	3.2	232	218	218
Okla.	2,428	1,851	1,709	8.5	8.3	8.1	287	223	211
Tex.	75,185	79,151	76,830	7.9	7.8	7.9	9,598	10,095	9,751
Mont.	29,113	23,958	22,234	9.3	9.0	9.6	3,142	2,662	2,316
Idaho	16,872	11,825	10,867	9.4	9.4	9.6	1,799	1,258	1,132
Wyo.	30,903	25,631	25,360	9.6	9.5	10.0	3,221	2,698	2,536
Colo.	13,645	13,372	13,130	8.3	8.7	8.8	1,644	1,537	1,492
N.Mex.	15,799	13,797	12,240	7.7	8.1	8.1	2,044	1,708	1,504
Ariz.	4,643	3,521	3,551	6.4	6.6	6.8	728	534	520
Utah	19,770	17,901	17,763	8.8	9.0	9.3	2,234	1,989	1,910
Nev.	5,896	4,540	4,564	8.2	8.3	8.5	719	547	537
Wash.	5,530	3,438	3,147	9.1	8.9	8.8	606	386	356
Oreg.	14,262	8,387	6,962	8.8	8.7	8.5	1,622	964	819
Calif.	23,637	20,408	17,584	7.0	6.8	7.1	3,381	2,993	2,486
U.S.	368,571	321,017	298,978	7.98	7.96	8.12	46,198	40,337	36,836

1/ For Tex. and Calif. the weight per fleece is the amount of wool shorn per sheep and lamb during the year. 2/ Includes sheep shorn at commercial feeding yards. 3/ Preliminary.

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SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION - 1947

ILLINOIS: Wool shorn in Illinois during 1947 will total 3,941,000 pounds according to estimates of the ILLINOIS AND U. S. DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE. This total includes wool shorn on farms and in commercial feed yards and is the smallest since 1926. Production totaled 3,954,000 pounds in 1946 and 5,495,000 for the preceding 10-year average. The largest wool crop on record in Illinois was 6,644,000 pounds shorn in 1942. The estimated number of sheep to be shorn is 491,000 head with an average fleece weight of 8.0 pounds compared with 498,000 head and 7.9 pounds in 1946.

UNITED STATES: The quantity of wool shorn and to be shorn in 1947 is estimated at 256,302,000 pounds. This is 24 million pounds or 8 percent less than shorn wool production in 1946, 104 million pounds (29%) below the 1936-45 average and the smallest production since 1925. The reduction this year was the result of a decrease in the number of sheep shorn, as the average weight per fleece was about the same as last year. This year's estimate of the number of sheep shorn or to be shorn is 31,723,000 head, down about 3 million head or 9 percent from last year, and 13.5 million head (30 %) below average. The estimated weight per fleece is 8.08 pounds, compared with 8.06 pounds in 1946 and the average of 7.97 pounds.

In the "Native" or "fleece" wool States, shorn wool production is estimated at 66,708,000 pounds from 9,002,000 sheep with an average fleece weight of 7.41 pounds. Last year 9,632,000 sheep were shorn for a total of 69,980,000 pounds and the average weight was 7.27 pounds. Production in these States this year was the smallest since 1924, and below last year in all of the important "fleece" wool States except Iowa, Missouri, Virginia, and Kentucky. Production at commercial feed lots was slightly above last year.

Shorn wool production in the 13 Western Sheep States (the 11 Western States, South Dakota, and Texas) is estimated at 189,594,000 pounds. This is about 20 million pounds less than the quantity shorn in 1946, and the smallest clip for this group of States since 1925. The number of sheep shorn and to be shorn is placed at 22,721,000 head, about 2.4 million head under last year. The average weight per fleece at 8.34 is below the 8.37 pounds last year. Fleece weights averaged the same as last year or higher in all these States except Montana, Wyoming, and California. They were below average only in Texas, Montana, and California. Production, however, was smaller than last year in every Western State and the smallest on record in Idaho, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, Washington, and Oregon. Wool production in Texas, estimated at 63.7 million pounds, is down about 7 million pounds from 1946 and the smallest production since 1935. The estimates for Texas and California include an allowance for wool to be shorn from sheep and lambs this fall. The allowance for Texas is 7,679,000 pounds this year compared with a production of 8,444,000 pounds last year. For California the allowance is 2,340,000 pounds, compared with 2,471,000 pounds last year.

The estimates of shorn wool production are based on reports from wool producers. The reports for the Native sheep States are obtained by the rural mail carriers in cooperation with the Post Office Department. For the Western sheep States they are obtained voluntarily by mail from owners of both range and farm flocks.

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WOOL SHORN IN 1946 AND 1947

State and Division	Wool Production			Weight per fleece 1/			Number sheep shorn 2/		
	10-yr.av. 1936-45	1946	1947 3/	10-yr.av. 1936-45	1946	1947 3/	10-yr.av. 1936-45	1946	1947 3/
	Thousand pounds			Pounds			Thousands		
Me.	249	183	176	6.2	6.3	6.5	40	29	27
N.H.	57	46	46	6.2	6.5	6.6	9	7	7
Vt.	132	86	73	6.6	6.6	6.6	20	13	11
Mass.	43	41	37	6.0	5.9	6.2	7	7	6
R.I.	12	12	12	5.9	6.0	6.0	2	2	2
Conn.	28	30	30	5.8	6.0	6.0	5	5	5
N.Y.	2,075	1,354	1,195	7.2	7.2	7.2	287	188	166
N.J.	39	41	39	6.5	6.8	6.5	6	6	6
Pa.	2,621	1,786	1,642	7.5	7.6	7.6	350	235	216
Ohio	15,654	10,441	9,396	8.0	8.3	8.3	1,944	1,258	1,132
Ind.	4,751	3,315	3,253	7.2	7.4	7.8	657	448	417
ILL.	5,495	3,954	3,941	7.8	7.9	8.0	702	498	491
Mich.	6,690	3,912	3,403	7.9	8.1	8.2	842	483	415
Wis.	2,889	2,141	1,967	7.6	7.9	7.9	380	271	249
Minn.	8,061	5,729	5,240	7.8	7.7	8.0	1,034	744	655
Iowa	9,666	6,304	6,781	7.8	8.0	8.2	1,237	788	827
Mo.	9,540	7,631	8,038	6.7	6.7	7.1	1,415	1,131	1,127
N.Dak.	7,201	5,159	4,333	8.7	8.7	8.7	828	593	498
S.Dak.	12,031	9,181	7,346	8.3	8.2	8.3	1,448	1,126	890
Nebr.	3,331	2,154	1,777	8.3	8.5	8.5	400	253	208
Kans.	4,697	3,583	3,261	8.1	8.3	8.5	576	433	382
Del.	14	13	13	6.5	6.5	6.5	2	2	2
Md.	352	254	256	6.2	6.2	6.4	56	41	40
Va.	1,713	1,423	1,451	5.0	5.1	5.2	340	279	279
W.Va.	2,207	1,595	1,532	5.1	5.3	5.3	432	301	289
N.C.	245	196	180	5.0	5.3	5.3	49	37	34
S.C.	30	20	20	4.9	5.0	5.0	6	4	4
Ga.	79	62	57	4.1	4.4	4.4	19	14	13
Fla.	74	38	40	3.2	3.2	3.3	23	12	12
Ky.	5,220	4,434	4,561	5.5	6.0	6.3	958	739	724
Tenn.	1,670	1,550	1,485	4.7	5.1	5.0	353	304	297
Ala.	131	106	99	4.0	4.4	4.5	33	24	22
Miss.	216	269	300	3.4	3.4	3.8	64	79	79
Ark.	390	281	250	4.8	4.6	4.9	81	61	51
La.	736	614	554	3.3	3.2	3.4	224	192	163
Okla.	2,246	1,223	1,270	8.4	8.1	8.7	266	151	146
Tex.	76,596	70,695	63,691	7.8	7.7	7.7	9,824	9,153	8,272
Mont.	28,247	21,485	17,317	9.2	9.6	9.1	3,057	2,238	1,903
Idaho	16,157	10,754	10,544	9.4	9.5	9.9	1,718	1,132	1,065
Wyo.	30,299	23,950	22,057	9.6	10.0	9.9	3,157	2,395	2,228
Colo.	13,693	12,118	11,267	8.4	8.8	8.9	1,637	1,377	1,266
N.Mex.	15,584	12,141	11,194	7.9	8.3	8.3	1,985	1,468	1,342
Ariz.	4,419	3,187	2,923	6.7	7.2	7.2	664	443	406
Utah	17,419	14,266	13,556	8.9	9.3	9.5	1,958	1,534	1,427
Nev.	5,585	4,190	4,063	8.2	8.5	8.5	680	493	478
Wash.	5,331	3,565	3,515	9.1	8.9	9.4	585	402	374
Oreg.	13,221	6,800	6,345	8.8	8.5	8.8	1,503	800	721
Calif.	23,249	17,607	15,776	6.9	7.0	6.7	3,356	2,525	2,349
U.S.	360,385	279,919	256,302	7.97	8.06	8.08	45,219	34,718	31,723

1/ For Texas and California the weight per fleece is the amount of wool shorn per sheep and lamb during the year. 2/ Includes sheep shorn at commercial feeding yards. 3/ Preliminary.

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SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION - 1948

ILLINOIS: The 1948 wool crop for Illinois is estimated at 3,684,000 pounds, reports the Illinois and U. S. Departments of Agriculture. This compares with the 1947 wool crop of 3,766,000 pounds, the 10-year, 1937-46, average production of 5,358,000 pounds, and is the smallest wool crop since 1925. The decline in production this year resulted from a reduction in numbers of sheep shorn from last year's 467,000 head to 457,000 head this year. Average weight per fleece in 1948 was 8.1 pounds, the same as the 1947 average and 0.2 pound above the preceding 10-year average.

UNITED STATES: The quantity of wool shorn and to be shorn in 1948 is estimated at 237,290,000 pounds. This is nearly 16 million pounds (6 percent) less than shorn wool production in 1947, 116 million pounds (33 percent) below the 1937-46 average, and the smallest production since 1923.

The reduction this year was largely the result of a decrease in the number of sheep shorn, since the average weight per fleece was only slightly smaller than last year. This year's estimate of the number of sheep shorn or to be shorn is 29,616,000 head, down about 2 million head (5 percent) from last year, and about 15 million head (33 percent) below the 10-year average. The estimated weight per fleece is 8.01 pounds, compared with 8.09 pounds in 1947 and the 10-year average of 7.99 pounds.

In the "Native" or "fleece" wool States, shorn wool production is estimated at 61,758,000 pounds from 8,504,000 sheep, with an average fleece weight of 7.26 pounds. Last year 8,950,000 sheep were shorn for a total of 66,390,000 pounds, and the average weight was 7.42 pounds. Production in these States this year was the smallest on record, starting in 1909. It was below last year in all of the important "fleece" wool States except Kentucky and Nebraska. Production at commercial feed lots was slightly above last year.

Shorn wool production in the 13 Western sheep States (11 Western States, South Dakota, and Texas) is estimated at 175,532,000 pounds. This is about 11 million pounds less than was shorn in 1947, and the smallest clip for this group of States since 1924. Smaller clips were produced in only 5 previous years of record--1917 and 1921 through 1924, when stock sheep numbers were also at a reduced level. The number of sheep shorn and to be shorn is placed at 21,112,000 head, more than a million head under last year. The average weight per fleece at 8.31 is only slightly below the 8.36 pounds last year. Wool production was smaller than last year in every Western State except Idaho and Oregon where slight increases occurred. The production is the smallest on record in Montana, Arizona, Utah, Nevada and Washington, and is the second smallest in Idaho, New Mexico and Oregon. Wool production in Texas, estimated at 55,947,000 pounds, is down 6 million pounds (10 percent) and the smallest production in the past 17 years. The estimates for Texas and California include an allowance for wool to be shorn from sheep and lambs this fall. The allowance for Texas is 6,883,000 pounds this fall, compared with 7,551,000 pounds shorn last fall. For California, the allowance is 1,848,000 pounds, compared with 2,043,000 pounds last fall.

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WOOL SHORN IN 1947 AND 1948

State and Division	Wool Production			Weight per fleece 1/			Number sheep shorn 2/		
	10-yr.av. 1937-46	1947	1948 3/	10-yr.av. 1937-46	1947	1948 3/	10-yr.av. 1937-46	1947	1948 3/
	-Thousand pounds-			-Pounds-			-Thousands-		
Me.	241	162	134	6.3	6.5	6.4	38	25	21
N.H.	55	46	46	6.2	6.6	6.6	9	7	7
Vt.	125	73	72	6.6	6.6	6.5	19	11	11
Mass.	43	43	50	6.0	6.2	6.3	7	7	8
R.I.	12	12	12	5.9	6.0	6.0	2	2	2
Conn.	28	30	30	5.9	6.0	6.0	5	5	5
N.Y.	1,978	1,195	1,109	7.2	7.2	7.2	274	166	154
N.J.	39	39	41	6.6	6.5	6.9	6	6	6
Pa.	2,488	1,642	1,552	7.5	7.6	7.5	331	216	207
Ohio	14,860	9,396	8,635	8.1	8.3	8.2	1,840	1,132	1,053
Ind.	4,572	3,253	2,850	7.3	7.8	7.6	629	417	375
ILL.	5,358	3,766	3,684	7.9	8.1	8.1	680	467	457
Mich.	6,288	3,403	3,264	8.0	8.2	8.1	790	415	403
Wis.	2,798	1,967	1,786	7.7	7.9	7.8	366	249	229
Minn.	7,923	5,184	4,682	7.8	8.0	7.6	1,019	648	616
Iowa	9,378	6,781	6,164	7.9	8.2	8.1	1,196	827	761
Mo.	9,492	8,047	7,504	6.8	7.2	7.3	1,403	1,124	1,067
N.Dak.	7,080	4,333	3,646	8.7	8.7	8.4	816	498	434
S.Dak.	11,942	7,880	7,013	8.3	8.3	8.1	1,441	955	870
Nebr.	3,252	1,835	1,932	8.3	8.5	8.4	389	217	230
Kans.	4,744	3,209	3,067	8.2	8.7	8.2	578	370	375
Del.	13	13	13	6.5	6.5	6.5	2	2	2
Md.	332	256	258	6.2	6.4	6.3	53	40	41
Va.	1,669	1,409	1,367	5.1	5.2	5.3	329	271	258
W.Va.	2,099	1,532	1,452	5.2	5.3	5.3	407	289	274
N.C.	235	180	159	5.1	5.3	5.3	46	34	30
S.C.	28	20	20	5.0	5.0	5.0	6	4	4
Ga.	75	57	53	4.2	4.4	4.4	18	13	12
Fla.	68	40	40	3.2	3.3	3.3	21	12	12
Ky.	5,178	4,561	4,582	5.6	6.3	6.2	931	724	739
Tenn.	1,678	1,485	1,410	4.8	5.0	5.0	348	297	282
Ala.	127	99	90	4.1	4.5	4.3	31	22	21
Miss.	223	300	296	3.4	3.8	3.4	66	79	87
Ark.	388	250	260	4.8	4.9	5.1	80	51	51
La.	726	554	490	3.3	3.4	3.4	222	163	144
Okla.	2,203	1,218	1,008	8.5	8.7	8.0	260	140	126
Tex.	77,296	61,946	55,947	7.8	7.7	7.5	9,960	8,013	7,449
Mont.	27,492	17,317	16,629	9.3	9.1	9.4	2,966	1,903	1,769
Idaho	15,432	10,425	10,530	9.5	9.9	10.0	1,632	1,053	1,053
Wyo.	29,788	21,810	20,928	9.6	9.9	9.6	3,091	2,203	2,180
Colo.	13,599	10,890	9,767	8.4	9.0	8.5	1,619	1,210	1,149
N.Mex.	15,329	11,361	10,852	8.0	8.3	8.1	1,926	1,362	1,342
Ariz.	4,283	3,027	2,838	6.8	7.5	7.5	633	405	380
Utah	16,862	13,120	12,704	9.0	9.5	9.3	1,884	1,381	1,366
Nev.	5,356	3,818	3,808	8.3	8.6	8.5	648	444	448
Wash.	5,089	3,556	3,290	9.1	9.3	9.5	560	382	347
Oreg.	12,245	6,204	6,361	8.8	8.8	9.3	1,390	705	684
Calif.	22,605	15,054	14,865	6.9	6.6	7.2	3,259	2,275	2,075
U. S.	353,114	252,798	237,290	7.99	8.09	8.01	44,226	31,241	29,616

1/ For Texas and California the weight per fleece is the amount of wool shorn per sheep and lamb during the year. 2/ Includes sheep shorn at commercial feeding yards.
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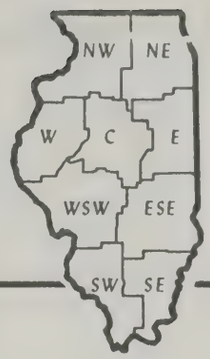

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SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION, 1960

Illinois Wool Production at Highest Level in 15 Years

Wool shorn and to be shorn in Illinois during 1960, including that shorn at commercial feeding yards, is estimated at 4,902,000 pounds, the highest level since 1945, when 5,039,000 pounds were produced. This is an increase of three percent over last year's crop and of 14 percent over the 1949-58 average. The average fleece weight of 7.6 pounds is less than last year's 7.8 pounds and the ten-year average of 8.0 pounds. The number of sheep shorn and to be shorn, at 644,000, is at the highest level since 1943, when 854,000 sheep were shorn. The increase in number shorn is six percent over a year ago and 19 percent more than the ten-year average. The number of sheep shorn at commercial feeding yards more than doubled from last year, which accounts for the sharp increase.

United States Production Up 3 Percent

Wool shorn and to be shorn in 1960 is estimated at 265,264,000 pounds (grease basis). Wool production at this level, the largest in 14 years, is 3 percent above the 257,182,000 pounds for 1959 and 15 percent higher than the 1949-58 average. This year's shorn wool production is equivalent to 119,369,000 pounds clean basis, compared with 115,732,000 pounds clean basis for 1959.

The total number of sheep shorn and expected to be shorn in 1960, estimated at 32,117,000 head, is 4 percent above last year and 16 percent above the 10-year average. The average weight per fleece at 8.26 pounds compares with 8.31 pounds both for last year and the 1949-58 average.

Western States Production Up 6 Percent

In the 13 Western sheep States (11 Western States, South Dakota and Texas) shorn wool production is estimated at 189,234,000 pounds (grease basis)--a six percent increase over the 1959 clip and 15 percent above the average. All of these Western sheep States, except Utah, show larger wool production this year than in 1959.

Sheep shorn and to be shorn in 1960 at 21,999,000 head are up 6 percent from 1959 and 16 percent higher than the average. The average fleece weight for these States at 8.60 pounds this year is about the same as the 8.63 pounds per fleece last year.

Texas, the leading sheep State, expects a wool crop of 49,969,000 pounds--up 7 percent from 1959 and 10 percent above average. All of this increase is due to more sheep shorn, as average weight per fleece is slightly lower. Shorn wool production in Wyoming, the second leading State, is up 8 percent from 1959.

Native States Production Down 3 Percent

A wool clip of 76,030,000 pounds is expected this year in the 35 Native or "fleece" wool States (excludes 13 Western States). This is down 3 percent from last year, but 15 percent above average. The smaller production for 1960 is the result of both a decline in weight per fleece--7.51 pounds this year and 7.65 pounds last--and 1 percent fewer sheep shorn.

In this Native sheep area, 24 States show a decline in wool production compared with 1959, 3 States are unchanged, and 8 States expect a larger wool crop this year.

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WOOL SHORN 1959 AND 1960, BY STATES

State and Division	Number sheep shorn 1/			Weight per fleece 2/			Wool production		
	10-yr.av. 1949-58	1959	1960	10-yr.av. 1949-58	1959	1960	10-yr.av. 1949-58	1959	1960
	- Thousand Head -			- Pounds -			- Thousand Pounds -		
Maine	26	39	41	6.6	6.8	6.5	175	265	266
New Hampshire	8	7	7	6.6	6.9	6.8	50	48	48
Vermont	10	13	14	7.0	7.0	7.0	72	91	98
Massachusetts	10	11	11	7.0	7.3	7.1	70	80	78
Rhode Island	2	2	2	6.3	6.9	6.8	13	14	14
Connecticut	7	9	9	6.7	6.9	6.5	50	62	58
New York	134	157	155	7.5	7.7	7.6	1,012	1,212	1,172
New Jersey	12	16	17	7.2	7.1	7.2	89	114	122
Pennsylvania	222	238	243	7.6	7.6	7.4	1,681	1,809	1,798
North Atlantic	432	492	499	7.43	7.51	7.32	3,211	3,695	3,654
Ohio	1,035	1,157	1,127	8.4	8.0	8.1	8,695	9,277	9,116
Indiana	419	480	446	7.6	7.6	7.8	3,168	3,668	3,489
ILLINOIS	542	606	644	8.0	7.8	7.6	4,310	4,745	4,902
Michigan	336	349	337	8.2	8.0	7.9	2,760	2,785	2,655
Wisconsin	218	211	206	7.8	8.1	7.9	1,706	1,706	1,619
E. N. Central	2,550	2,803	2,760	8.10	7.91	7.89	20,639	22,181	21,781
Minnesota	681	826	868	7.9	8.4	8.1	5,396	6,946	7,041
Iowa	953	1,372	1,367	8.0	8.0	7.7	7,619	10,971	10,569
Missouri	852	797	777	7.3	7.5	7.3	6,225	6,003	5,692
North Dakota	448	606	568	9.1	9.7	9.6	4,094	5,882	5,426
South Dakota	935	1,389	1,472	9.0	9.1	8.8	8,402	12,611	13,027
Nebraska	471	646	647	7.7	7.4	7.2	3,586	4,749	4,670
Kansas	461	607	635	8.2	8.0	7.8	3,746	4,852	4,936
W. N. Central	4,801	6,243	6,334	8.13	8.33	8.11	39,068	52,014	51,361
N. Central	7,350	9,046	9,094	8.12	8.20	8.04	59,707	74,195	73,142
Delaware	3	6	6	6.6	6.5	6.5	21	39	39
Maryland	40	42	42	6.6	6.6	6.5	261	277	273
Virginia	287	303	309	5.6	5.8	5.8	1,609	1,757	1,792
West Virginia	280	263	258	5.4	5.4	5.4	1,503	1,420	1,393
North Carolina	42	63	65	5.7	5.8	5.5	239	365	358
South Carolina	6	12	10	5.9	6.8	6.5	39	82	65
Georgia	23	43	32	5.7	6.3	6.5	130	271	208
Florida	4	8	8	4.2	4.3	4.0	18	34	32
South Atlantic	685	740	730	5.57	5.74	5.70	3,820	4,245	4,160
Kentucky	574	568	539	6.6	6.7	6.7	3,771	3,806	3,611
Tennessee	254	279	257	5.4	5.6	5.4	1,381	1,562	1,388
Alabama	44	60	57	5.7	5.6	5.8	241	336	331
Mississippi	71	85	80	5.2	5.5	5.5	376	468	440
Arkansas	44	54	53	5.8	6.0	6.2	262	324	329
Louisiana	92	75	70	4.0	4.7	4.8	370	352	336
Oklahoma	150	224	211	8.5	8.6	7.9	1,273	1,924	1,666
Texas	5,816	5,782	6,399	7.8	8.1	7.8	45,228	46,726	49,969
S. Central	7,044	7,127	7,666	7.52	7.79	7.58	52,903	55,498	58,070
Montana	1,512	1,646	1,695	9.8	9.8	10.0	14,887	16,209	17,030
Idaho	994	1,058	1,073	10.2	10.1	10.4	10,107	10,727	11,171
Wyoming	1,873	2,095	2,193	10.5	10.1	10.4	19,598	21,181	22,851
Colorado	1,246	1,401	1,537	9.1	9.3	9.0	11,381	13,074	13,907
New Mexico	1,234	1,219	1,290	9.2	9.2	9.1	11,299	11,275	11,745
Arizona	397	430	447	7.3	7.1	7.2	2,895	3,067	3,204
Utah	1,262	1,238	1,203	9.6	9.7	9.9	12,121	12,045	11,950
Nevada	424	383	382	9.3	9.3	9.8	3,943	3,552	3,733
Washington	292	280	294	9.2	9.1	9.5	2,705	2,545	2,782
Oregon	724	903	928	8.7	8.4	8.5	6,261	7,542	7,930
California	2,304	2,897	3,086	7.0	6.3	6.5	16,035	18,332	19,935
Western	12,262	13,550	14,128	9.07	8.82	8.94	111,231	119,549	126,238
United States	27,774	30,955	32,117	8.31	8.31	8.26	230,872	257,182	265,264

1/ Includes sheep shorn at commercial feeding yards. 2/ For Texas and California the weight per fleece is the average per animal and not the average per shearing since some sheep are shorn more than once each year.

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Illinois Wool Production Down 15 Percent

Wool shorn and to be shorn in Illinois during 1964, including that shorn at commercial feeding yards, is estimated at 3,849,000 pounds. This is fifteen percent less than last year's crop and seventeen percent below the 1958-62 average. The average fleece weight of 7.5 pounds is above last year's 7.4 but below the five-year average of 7.6 pounds. The number of sheep shorn and to be shorn, estimated at 510,000 is seventeen percent below 1963 and sixteen percent less than the 1958-62 average.

United States Wool Production Declines 6 Percent

Wool shorn and to be shorn in 1964 is estimated at 224,295,000 pounds, grease basis. Wool production at this level is 6 percent below the 238,180,000 pounds produced in 1963. This year's shorn wool production is equivalent to 100,933,000 pounds clean basis, compared with 107,181,000 pounds clean basis for 1963.

The total number of sheep shorn and to be shorn in 1964, estimated at 26,492,000 head, is 5 percent below the number shorn in 1963. The estimated weight per fleece is 8.47 pounds, compared with 8.55 pounds a year earlier. Estimates for Alaska are included in the United States total shorn wool production.

Western States Clip Down 6 Percent

In the 13 Western sheep States (11 Western States, South Dakota, and Texas) shorn wool is estimated at 165,887,000 pounds grease basis--6 percent below the 1963 clip of 176,076,000 pounds. Wool production in 1964 is lower in 10 of these 13 Western States compared with 1963.

Sheep shorn and to be shorn in 1964, at 18,972,000 head, are 4 percent less than in 1963. The average fleece weight for the 13 Western States at 8.74 pounds in 1964 is below last year's 8.91 pounds.

Texas, the leading sheep and wool State, expects a wool crop of 42,652,000 pounds, a 10 percent decline from the 47,618,000 pounds produced in 1963. Fewer head shorn and to be shorn and a lower average fleece weight accounts for the lower production. Wool production in Wyoming, the second leading wool producing State, is down 6 percent from 1963.

Native States Production Decreases 6 Percent

A wool clip of 58,247,000 pounds is expected in 1964 in the 35 Native or "fleece" wool States (excludes 13 Western States and Alaska). This is down 6 percent from the 61,937,000 pounds produced in 1963. The smaller production for 1964 is entirely the result of a 7 percent decline in the number of sheep shorn. The average weight per fleece in these 35 States, at 7.76 pounds, is slightly heavier than the 7.67 pounds produced in 1963.

Compared with last year, 27 of the Native sheep States show a decline in production, 3 States are unchanged and 5 States expect a larger wool clip than was produced in 1963.

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WOOL SHORN 1963 AND 1964, BY STATES

State	Number sheep shorn 1/			Weight per fleece 2/			Wool production		
	5-year average 1958-62	1963	1964	5-year average 1958-62	1963	1964	5-year average 1958-62	1963	1964
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Maine	32	32	29	7.0	6.9	7.0	221	221	203
N.H.	7	6	6	6.8	6.8	6.6	47	41	40
Vt.	11	10	8	7.3	7.4	7.1	77	74	57
Mass.	11	11	10	7.1	7.1	7.2	78	78	72
R.I.	2	2	2	6.8	6.5	6.6	14	13	13
Conn.	6	7	7	6.9	6.7	6.8	43	47	48
N.Y.	134	115	117	7.6	7.7	7.9	1,013	882	922
N.J.	13	13	12	7.2	7.1	7.5	95	92	90
Pa.	225	201	193	7.3	7.4	7.4	1,653	1,487	1,428
Ohio	1,034	799	728	8.1	8.4	8.6	8,322	6,732	6,254
Ind.	435	373	338	7.6	7.7	7.9	3,309	2,865	2,682
Ill.	610	612	510	7.6	7.4	7.5	4,610	4,505	3,849
Mich.	358	315	304	8.3	8.3	8.6	2,971	2,627	2,608
Wis.	205	179	179	7.9	7.8	8.0	1,627	1,390	1,440
Minn.	814	761	695	7.9	7.8	7.8	6,405	5,938	5,438
Iowa	1,402	1,115	1,076	7.4	7.6	7.8	10,484	8,520	8,412
Mo.	725	520	501	7.6	7.7	7.9	5,480	3,992	3,949
N.Dak.	602	542	482	9.5	9.5	9.5	5,739	5,165	4,594
S.Dak.	1,548	1,505	1,441	9.4	9.2	9.3	14,556	13,820	13,433
Nebr.	662	571	617	7.2	7.7	7.3	4,763	4,395	4,504
Kans.	621	601	557	8.0	7.9	8.1	4,954	4,759	4,524
Del.	5	5	5	6.5	6.8	6.8	32	34	34
Md.	33	28	26	6.7	6.8	6.6	223	190	172
Va.	288	246	234	5.8	5.7	5.7	1,658	1,402	1,334
W.Va.	254	219	196	5.5	5.6	5.6	1,396	1,226	1,098
N.C.	48	38	32	6.1	6.1	6.0	288	232	192
S.C.	10	8	7	6.6	6.4	7.3	69	51	51
Ga.	26	12	10	6.7	6.0	6.2	173	72	62
Fla.	6	5	5	4.8	4.5	5.0	28	22	25
Ky.	477	260	214	6.9	7.0	6.9	3,288	1,820	1,477
Tenn.	225	140	106	5.6	5.7	5.3	1,268	798	562
Ala.	30	15	12	5.9	6.0	5.6	174	90	67
Miss.	61	37	28	5.3	5.0	5.2	323	185	146
Ark.	44	32	29	6.6	6.7	6.3	292	214	183
La.	82	68	61	4.5	4.4	4.5	370	299	274
Okla.	213	180	170	7.8	8.2	8.5	1,669	1,479	1,443
Texas	6,023	5,947	5,591	8.1	8.0	7.6	48,534	47,618	42,652
Mont.	1,564	1,395	1,397	10.2	10.2	9.8	16,017	14,254	13,733
Idaho	1,037	970	896	10.1	10.2	10.0	10,545	9,887	8,984
Wyo.	2,073	2,063	2,014	10.4	10.6	10.2	21,574	21,882	20,515
Colo.	1,552	1,609	1,481	9.1	9.3	9.5	14,125	15,007	14,110
N.Mex.	1,125	1,073	1,035	9.2	9.5	9.3	10,381	10,157	9,581
Ariz.	457	507	502	7.2	7.2	7.5	3,260	3,638	3,774
Utah	1,196	1,150	1,139	9.9	10.0	10.0	11,781	11,445	11,340
Nev.	310	253	250	9.2	9.5	9.6	2,834	2,398	2,394
Wash.	308	293	292	9.2	9.2	9.3	2,836	2,689	2,702
Oreg.	881	822	750	8.2	8.0	7.8	7,221	6,559	5,871
Calif.	2,506	2,172	2,184	7.6	7.7	7.7	19,014	16,722	16,798
Total 48 States	30,290	27,837	26,478	8.45	8.55	8.46	255,834	238,013	224,134
Alaska	---	14	14	---	11.9	11.5	---	167	161
Hawaii	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S.	---	27,851	26,492	---	8.55	8.47	---	238,180	224,295

1/ Includes sheep shorn at commercial feeding yards.

2/ For Texas and California the weight per fleece is the average per animal and not the average per shearing since some sheep are shorn more than once each year.

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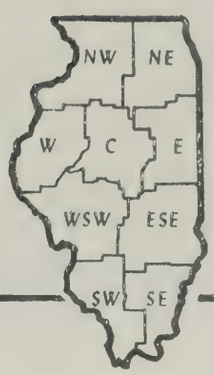

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Illinois Wool Production Up Slightly

Wool shorn and to be shorn in Illinois during 1965, including that shorn at commercial feeding yards, is estimated at 4,293,000 pounds. This is up less than one percent from last year, but six percent below the 1959-63 average. The average fleece weight of 7.6 pounds is above last year's 7.2 and the five-year average of 7.5 pounds. The number of sheep shorn and to be shorn, estimated at 565,000 is two percent below 1964 and seven percent less than the 1959-63 average.

United States Wool Production Declines 4 Percent

Wool shorn and to be shorn during 1965 in the United States (including Alaska) is estimated at 213,139,000 pounds, grease basis. At this level, wool production is 4 percent less than the 221,897,000 pounds produced in 1964. The 1965 shorn wool production is equivalent to 95,913,000 pounds clean basis, compared with 99,854,000 pounds clean basis for 1964.

The total number of sheep shorn and to be shorn in 1965, estimated at 25,285,000 head, is 4 percent below the number shorn in 1964. The average weight per fleece is 8.43 pounds, compared with 8.40 pounds last year.

Western States Clip Down 4 Percent

In the 13 Western sheep States (11 Western States, South Dakota, and Texas) shorn wool is estimated at 157,034,000 pounds grease basis--4 percent less than the 1964 clip of 163,333,000 pounds. Wool production in 1965 is lower in 10 of the 13 Western States compared with 1964.

Sheep shorn and to be shorn during 1965, at 18,051,000 head, total 4 percent less than in 1964. The average fleece weight for the 13 Western States at 8.70 pounds is slightly above last year's 8.67 pounds.

Texas, the leading sheep and wool State, expects a wool crop of 41,800,000 pounds, a 1-percent increase from the 41,294,000 pounds produced in 1964. A decrease in head number shorn and to be shorn was more than offset by an increase of 0.6 pounds in average fleece weight. Wool production in Wyoming, the second leading wool producing State, is down 4 percent from 1964. California, the third largest producer, anticipates a decline in production as a result of a reduction in average fleece weight. The number shorn and to be shorn in California during 1965 is up about 3 percent.

Native States Production Decreases 4 Percent

A wool clip of 55,903,000 pounds is expected in 1965 in the 35 Native or "fleece" wool states (excludes 13 Western States and Alaska). This is down 4 percent from the 58,375,000 pounds produced in 1964. The smaller production for 1965 is entirely the result of a decline in the number of sheep shorn. The average weight per fleece in these 35 States, at 7.75 pounds, is slightly heavier than the 7.72 pounds produced in 1964.

Compared with last year, 22 of the Native sheep States show a decline in production. Four States are unchanged and nine States expect a larger wool clip than was produced in 1964.

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Wool shorn 1964 and 1965, by States

State	Number sheep shorn 1/			Weight per fleece 2/			Wool production		
	5 year average 1959-63	1964	1965	5 year average 1959-63	1964	1965	5 year average 1959-63	1964	1965
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Maine	32	29	25	6.9	7.1	7.1	220	206	178
N.H.	7	6	6	6.8	6.7	6.9	45	40	41
Vt.	10	9	9	7.3	7.6	7.6	76	68	68
Mass.	11	10	10	7.1	6.5	7.2	78	65	72
R.I.	2	2	2	6.8	6.7	6.7	14	13	13
Conn.	6	7	7	6.8	7.1	6.8	43	50	48
N.Y.	128	114	117	7.6	7.9	8.0	976	900	935
N.J.	13	12	11	7.1	7.1	7.2	94	85	79
Pa.	219	193	197	7.3	7.3	7.4	1,604	1,409	1,458
Ohio	959	739	700	8.1	8.7	8.8	7,799	6,436	6,138
Ind.	418	356	370	7.7	7.9	8.2	3,217	2,820	3,041
Ill.	610	575	565	7.5	7.4	7.6	4,581	4,273	4,293
Mich.	350	288	284	8.4	8.6	8.6	2,931	2,474	2,453
Wis.	198	167	160	7.9	8.0	7.8	1,570	1,344	1,253
Minn.	814	715	643	7.9	7.7	7.8	6,430	5,498	5,036
Iowa	1,339	1,196	1,181	7.5	7.4	7.6	10,060	8,821	8,953
Mo.	660	477	453	7.6	8.0	7.6	5,014	3,793	3,453
N. Dak.	591	482	448	9.6	9.6	9.6	5,674	4,629	4,294
S. Dak.	1,564	1,586	1,421	9.4	8.8	9.0	14,736	13,885	12,817
Nebr.	653	548	516	7.3	7.7	7.5	4,761	4,210	3,854
Kans.	622	528	497	8.0	8.1	7.6	4,997	4,287	3,760
Del.	5	4	5	6.6	6.8	7.0	31	27	35
Md.	31	26	25	6.7	6.9	7.0	207	179	175
Va.	277	224	201	5.7	5.8	5.9	1,590	1,299	1,186
W. Va.	244	196	192	5.5	5.6	5.5	1,349	1,098	1,056
N.C.	46	32	29	6.0	6.2	6.2	275	198	180
S.C.	10	6	6	6.5	7.3	7.4	63	44	44
Ga.	21	10	9	6.6	6.2	6.1	138	62	55
Fla.	6	5	5	4.6	4.1	4.0	26	20	20
Ky.	411	214	183	6.9	7.1	7.3	2,826	1,519	1,336
Tenn.	196	106	95	5.6	5.3	5.6	1,101	562	532
Ala.	25	12	9	5.9	5.6	6.0	146	67	54
Miss.	52	28	21	5.3	5.2	5.2	275	146	109
Ark.	40	28	20	6.6	6.8	6.7	264	190	134
La.	78	59	56	4.5	4.3	4.5	350	254	252
Okla.	208	154	160	7.8	8.4	8.2	1,626	1,289	1,315
Texas	6,169	5,476	5,181	8.1	7.5	8.1	49,961	41,294	41,800
Mont.	1,537	1,369	1,288	10.2	9.8	9.6	15,735	13,444	12,376
Idaho	1,026	903	910	10.2	10.1	10.1	10,502	9,077	9,169
Wyo.	2,084	2,051	1,971	10.4	9.9	9.9	21,807	20,319	19,469
Colo.	1,615	1,339	1,287	9.1	9.5	9.1	14,693	12,776	11,676
N. Mex.	1,118	1,029	916	9.3	9.3	9.3	10,413	9,537	8,465
Ariz.	476	526	554	7.1	7.4	7.3	3,383	3,898	4,067
Utah	1,185	1,206	1,205	9.9	9.9	9.4	11,729	11,983	11,334
Nev.	293	250	231	9.2	9.6	9.5	2,679	2,394	2,189
Wash.	311	281	269	9.2	9.2	9.2	2,855	2,583	2,463
Oreg.	877	741	684	8.1	7.8	7.4	7,104	5,834	5,038
Calif.	2,439	2,081	2,134	7.7	7.8	7.6	18,646	16,309	16,171
48 States	29,982	26,395	25,268	8.49	8.40	8.43	254,695	221,708	212,937
Alaska	---	16	17	---	11.8	11.9	---	189	202
Hawaii	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S.	---	26,411	25,285	---	8.40	8.43	---	221,897	213,139

1/ Includes sheep shorn at commercial feeding yards. 2/ For Texas and California the weight per fleece is the average per animal and not the average per shearing since some sheep are shorn more than once each year.

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Illinois Wool Production Down 12 Percent

Wool shorn and to be shorn in Illinois during 1966, including that shorn at commercial yards, is estimated at 3,701,000 pounds. This is down 12 percent from last year's clip of 4,207,000 pounds and 18 percent below the 1960-64 average of 4,521,000 pounds. The average fleece weight of 7.4 pounds is below last year's 7.7 and the five-year average of 7.5 pounds per fleece. The number of sheep shorn and to be shorn, estimated at 501,000, is nine percent below the 548,000 head shorn in 1965 and 17 percent below the five-year average of 607,000 head shorn.

United States Wool Production Down One Percent

Wool shorn and to be shorn during 1966 in the United States is estimated at 211,248,000 pounds, grease basis. At this level, wool production is one percent smaller than the 213,569,000 pounds produced in 1965. The 1966 production is equivalent to 100,765,000 pounds, clean basis, compared with 101,872,000 pounds for 1965, based on a conversion factor of 47.7 percent.

The total number of sheep and lambs shorn and to be shorn during 1966 is estimated at 24,873,000 head. This number is one percent smaller than the 25,082,000 head shorn in 1965. The average fleece weight is 8.49 pounds compared with 8.51 last year.

Slight Increase In Western Clip

Shorn wool production in the 13 Western sheep States (11 Western States, South Dakota, and Texas) is estimated at 158,290,000 pounds compared with the 1965 clip of 157,707,000 pounds. Wool production is higher in four of the 13 States.

Sheep shorn and to be shorn in 1966 at 18,118,000 head are slightly above the 18,074,000 head shorn in 1965. The average fleece weight is 8.74 pounds compared with the 1965 average of 8.73 pounds.

Texas, the leading wool producing State, expects a wool clip of 45,594,000 pounds, a four percent increase from the 43,941,000 pounds produced in 1965. The number shorn and to be shorn, at 5,755,000 head, is six percent larger than in 1965, while the average fleece weight of 7.9 pounds is two percent lighter. Wyoming, the second ranking wool producing State, expects a production of 20,528,000 pounds in 1966, an increase of 7 percent. Total number shorn is only slightly larger than in 1965 but average fleece weights at 10.5 pounds are seven percent heavier. Estimated wool production in California, the third largest producer, is down four percent from 1965. The number shorn is one percent larger but fleece weights are down four percent.

Production In Native States Down Five Percent

A wool clip of 52,738,000 pounds is expected in the 35 Native or "fleece" wool States (excludes 13 Western States and Alaska). This is a five percent smaller clip than the 55,653,000 pounds shorn in 1965. The smaller production results from a four percent decline in the number shorn and a two percent reduction in average fleece weights.

Compared with last year, 31 of the 35 Native sheep States show a decline in production, two States are unchanged, and two expect a larger wool clip than was produced in 1965.

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Wool shorn 1965 and 1966, by States

State	Number sheep shorn 1/			Weight per fleece 2/			Wool production		
	5 year average 1960-64	1965	1966	5 year average 1960-64	1965	1966	5 year average 1960-64	1965	1966
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Maine	31	25	21	6.9	7.2	7.5	217	180	158
N.H.	6	6	5	6.7	7.0	7.2	43	42	36
Vt.	10	9	9	7.4	8.1	8.0	74	73	72
Mass.	11	10	10	7.0	7.0	7.0	75	70	70
R.I.	2	2	2	6.7	6.8	7.2	13	14	14
Conn.	6	7	6	6.8	7.2	7.4	44	50	44
N.Y.	122	113	101	7.7	8.1	8.1	938	914	821
N.J.	13	11	11	7.1	7.6	7.5	92	84	82
Pa.	212	197	193	7.3	7.6	7.5	1,549	1,497	1,448
Ohio	882	710	705	8.3	8.8	8.7	7,281	6,231	6,109
Ind.	398	353	333	7.7	7.9	7.9	3,089	2,787	2,627
Ill.	607	548	501	7.5	7.7	7.4	4,521	4,207	3,701
Mich.	331	277	269	8.4	8.8	8.6	2,777	2,436	2,304
Wis.	189	158	151	7.9	8.1	8.0	1,488	1,284	1,208
Minn.	794	665	642	7.9	7.9	7.9	6,234	5,282	5,044
Iowa	1,278	1,093	1,015	7.5	7.9	7.7	9,570	8,667	7,773
Mo.	601	446	381	7.7	8.1	7.9	4,611	3,627	3,018
N.Dak.	562	443	422	9.6	9.7	9.3	5,386	4,290	3,923
S.Dak.	1,564	1,395	1,371	9.3	8.9	8.8	14,614	12,440	12,048
Nebr.	629	467	469	7.5	8.0	7.8	4,661	3,759	3,674
Kans.	612	440	537	8.0	8.2	8.3	4,918	3,589	4,446
Del.	5	4	3	6.6	7.3	7.5	30	29	22
Md.	29	25	22	6.7	7.2	7.6	196	180	168
Va.	262	214	212	5.8	6.0	6.0	1,508	1,284	1,274
W.Va.	232	187	179	5.5	5.8	5.8	1,282	1,085	1,043
N.C.	42	29	28	6.1	6.4	6.2	255	186	174
S.C.	9	6	6	6.6	6.7	7.0	56	40	42
Ga.	16	9	8	6.5	6.1	6.2	107	55	50
Fla.	5	4	3	4.3	5.0	4.5	23	20	14
Ky.	343	187	168	6.9	7.4	7.3	2,354	1,384	1,226
Tenn.	166	90	80	5.5	5.6	5.6	916	504	448
Ala.	20	9	8	5.9	6.0	5.8	120	54	46
Miss.	44	21	20	5.3	5.2	5.4	234	109	108
Ark.	36	20	16	6.7	6.7	6.7	240	134	107
La.	72	50	48	4.5	4.3	4.3	323	215	206
Okla.	194	155	152	7.9	8.3	8.1	1,520	1,291	1,238
Texas	6,111	5,420	5,755	7.9	8.1	7.9	48,574	43,941	45,594
Mont.	1,483	1,264	1,215	10.2	9.6	9.5	15,100	12,190	11,596
Idaho	995	905	874	10.2	9.8	10.2	10,172	8,839	8,888
Wyo.	2,071	1,946	1,950	10.4	9.8	10.5	21,549	19,123	20,528
Colo.	1,587	1,250	1,290	9.2	9.1	9.3	14,504	11,410	11,958
N.Mex.	1,095	922	896	9.3	9.4	9.4	10,197	8,669	8,380
Ariz.	496	588	526	7.2	7.1	7.2	3,549	4,199	3,775
Utah	1,178	1,178	1,105	9.9	9.5	9.8	11,716	11,147	10,839
Nev.	275	231	226	9.3	9.5	9.5	2,553	2,189	2,139
Wash.	306	269	244	9.2	9.3	9.2	2,813	2,511	2,246
Oreg.	844	693	639	8.0	7.7	8.1	6,762	5,317	5,196
Calif.	2,318	2,013	2,027	7.8	7.8	7.5	18,105	15,732	15,103
48 States	29,096	25,064	24,854	8.48	8.51	8.49	246,954	213,360	211,028
Alaska	---	18	19	---	11.6	11.6	---	209	220
Hawaii	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S.	---	25,082	24,873	---	8.51	8.49	---	213,569	211,248

1/ Includes sheep shorn at commercial feeding yards.

2/ For Texas and California the weight per fleece is the average per animal and not the average per shearing since some sheep are shorn more than once each year.

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Illinois Wool Production Down 10 Percent

Wool shorn and to be shorn in Illinois during 1967, including that shorn at commercial yards, is estimated at 3,015,000 pounds. This is down 10 percent from last year's clip of 3,366,000 pounds and 27 percent below the 1961-65 average of 4,125,000 pounds. The average fleece weight of 7.5 pounds is below last year's 7.8 but above the five-year average of 7.4 pounds per fleece. The number of sheep shorn and to be shorn, estimated at 400,000, is seven percent below the 431,000 head shorn in 1966 and 28 percent below the five-year average of 559,000 head shorn.

United States Wool Production Down Three Percent

Wool shorn and to be shorn in the United States during 1967 is estimated at 188,951,000 pounds, grease basis. This is 3 percent below the 1966 production of 194,149,000 pounds and marks the 7th consecutive year of declining wool production. The 1967 production is equivalent to 90,130,000 pounds, clean basis, compared with 92,609,000 pounds for 1966, based on a conversion factor of 47.7 percent.

The number of sheep and lambs shorn and to be shorn during 1967 is estimated at 22,135,000 head, a 3-percent decrease from the 22,875,000 head shorn in 1966. The 1967 average weight per fleece is 8.54 pounds compared with 8.49 pounds last year.

Decrease of One Percent in Western Clip

Shorn wool production in the Western Sheep States (11 Western States, South Dakota, and Texas) is estimated at 143,376,000 pounds, 1 percent below the 1966 clip of 145,283,000 pounds. Wool production is smaller in 9 of these 13 States.

Sheep shorn and to be shorn in 1967 is estimated at 16,396,000 head, 2 percent less than the 16,694,000 head shorn in 1966. The average fleece weight is 8.74 pounds compared with 8.70 pounds last year.

Texas, the leading wool producing State, expects a total wool clip of 39,023,000 pounds, a 1-percent increase from the 1966 production of 38,777,000 pounds. Texas sheep and lambs shorn and to be shorn, at 5,142,000 head, is 2 percent larger, while the average fleece weight of 7.6 pounds is 0.1 pound lighter than 1966. Wyoming, the second ranking wool producing State, expects a production of 19,279,000 pounds in 1967--slightly smaller than the 19,300,000 pounds produced in 1966. A 4-percent decrease in the number shorn or to be shorn virtually offset a 4-percent increase in average fleece weight. A 2-percent increase in wool production is estimated in California, the third leading producer.

Production in Native States Down Seven Percent

A wool clip of 45,345,000 pounds is estimated in the 35 Native or "fleece" wool States (excluding 13 Western States and Alaska). This production is 7 percent less than the 48,651,000 pounds shorn in 1966. The smaller 1967 clip results from a 7-percent decline in the number shorn as the average fleece weight, at 7.93 pounds, is up slightly from the 7.90 pounds in 1966.

Compared with last year, 30 of the 35 Native States show a decline in production, 3 States are unchanged, and 2 States expect a larger wool clip than in 1966.

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Wool shorn 1966 and 1967, by States

State	Number sheep shorn 1/			Weight per fleece 2/			Wool production		
	5 year average 1961-65	1966	1967	5 year average 1961-65	1966	1967	5 year average 1961-65	1966	1967
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Maine	28	18	17	7.0	7.6	7.6	196	136	129
N. H.	6.2	4.7	4.2	6.8	7.2	7.1	42	34	30
Vt.	8.7	7.5	6.8	7.6	8.1	8.1	66	61	55
Mass.	10.5	9.3	9.1	7.2	7.8	7.0	75	73	64
R. I.	2.2	1.9	1.8	6.8	7.2	7.2	15	14	13
Conn.	6.1	4.3	4.4	7.0	7.5	7.3	42	32	32
N. Y.	112	90	83	7.8	8.1	8.1	870	727	669
N. J.	11.3	9.5	8.6	7.1	7.6	7.4	80	72	64
Pa.	192	170	162	7.4	7.5	7.3	1,413	1,275	1,183
Ohio	832	721	690	8.4	8.8	8.8	6,985	6,351	6,041
Ind.	351	278	268	7.8	7.8	7.8	2,724	2,158	2,086
Ill.	559	431	400	7.4	7.8	7.5	4,125	3,366	3,015
Mich.	306	261	229	8.5	8.5	8.6	2,585	2,228	1,974
Wis.	179	150	144	7.9	8.0	8.2	1,416	1,200	1,180
Minn.	741	611	580	7.9	7.7	7.8	5,832	4,684	4,533
Iowa	1,198	965	845	7.6	7.8	7.9	9,055	7,526	6,696
Mo.	506	363	323	7.8	7.9	7.9	3,925	2,864	2,557
N. Dak.	522	382	376	9.6	9.4	9.6	5,002	3,577	3,596
S. Dak.	1,505	1,247	1,232	9.2	8.9	9.5	13,879	11,091	11,669
Nebr.	554	408	357	7.5	7.8	7.8	4,160	3,182	2,798
Kans.	580	426	410	8.1	8.4	8.2	4,681	3,598	3,362
Del.	3.0	2.4	2.4	6.9	7.5	7.5	21	18	18
Md.	24	18	17	6.9	7.0	7.0	167	126	119
Va.	243	210	197	5.9	6.0	6.2	1,432	1,262	1,223
W. Va.	216	170	159	5.6	5.7	5.9	1,208	975	942
N. C.	35	23	20	6.2	6.2	6.5	218	143	130
S. C.	5.8	3.6	2.4	6.5	6.7	7.1	38	24	17
Ga.	13	6.1	6.1	6.4	6.2	6.3	81	38	38
Fla.	6.4	5.6	5.1	4.4	5.2	6.0	28	29	31
Ky.	271	146	143	7.0	7.3	7.4	1,876	1,066	1,058
Tenn.	133	73	65	5.5	5.8	5.7	736	423	370
Ala.	16	8.6	7.5	5.9	6.0	6.4	97	52	48
Miss.	36	20	19	5.2	5.1	5.1	189	102	97
Ark.	22	10	9.0	6.7	6.7	6.4	149	67	58
La.	59	34	27	4.5	4.6	4.5	262	156	121
Okla.	161	121	121	8.0	8.4	8.2	1,289	1,012	998
Texas	5,845	5,031	5,142	7.8	7.7	7.6	45,705	38,777	39,023
Mont.	1,405	1,213	1,115	10.1	9.7	10.2	14,182	11,792	11,323
Idaho	892	751	710	10.3	10.4	10.2	9,204	7,813	7,248
Wyo.	1,996	1,859	1,788	10.3	10.4	10.8	20,596	19,300	19,279
Colo.	1,510	1,346	1,255	9.1	8.9	8.9	13,752	11,940	11,162
N. Mex.	1,057	916	919	9.3	9.5	9.5	9,857	8,712	8,728
Ariz.	513	506	444	7.1	7.2	7.1	3,641	3,627	3,154
Utah	1,105	991	996	9.9	10.0	9.7	10,897	9,895	9,659
Nev.	255	226	213	9.6	9.9	9.7	2,443	2,241	2,066
Wash.	258	171	155	9.2	9.2	9.2	2,365	1,567	1,428
Oreg.	798	613	577	7.9	8.0	8.2	6,271	4,905	4,733
Calif.	2,122	1,824	1,850	7.7	7.5	7.5	16,369	13,623	13,904
48 States	27,210	22,856	22,115	8.46	8.48	8.53	230,240	193,934	188,721
Alaska	14	19	20	11.6	11.3	11.5	168	215	230
Hawaii	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U. S.	27,224	22,875	22,135	8.46	8.49	8.54	230,408	194,149	188,951

1/ Includes shearing at commercial feeding yards.
2/ For Texas and California the weight per fleece is the amount of wool shorn per animal during the year.

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Illinois Wool Production Down Nine Percent

Wool shorn and to be shorn in Illinois during 1968, including that shorn at commercial yards, is estimated at 2,592,000 pounds. This is down 9 percent from last year's clip of 2,854,000 pounds and 33 percent below the 1962-66 average of 3,882,000 pounds. The average fleece weight of 7.7 pounds is below last year's 7.9 but above the five-year average of 7.4 pounds per fleece. The number of sheep shorn and to be shorn, estimated at 335,000, is eight percent below the 363,000 head shorn in 1967 and 36 percent below the five-year average of 523,000 head shorn.

United States Wool Production Down Seven Percent

Wool shorn and to be shorn in the United States during 1968 is estimated at 175,871,000 pounds, grease basis. This is 7 percent below the 1967 production of 188,155,000 pounds. The 1968 production is equivalent to 83,890,000 pounds, clean basis, compared with 89,750,000 pounds for 1967, based on a conversion factor of 47.7 percent.

The number of sheep and lambs shorn and to be shorn during 1968 is estimated at 20,580,000 head, a 6-percent decrease from the 21,982,000 head shorn in 1967. The 1968 average weight per fleece is 8.55 pounds compared with 8.56 pounds last year.

Western States Down Six Percent

Shorn wool production in the Western Sheep States (11 Western States, South Dakota, and Texas) is estimated at 133,042,000 pounds, 6 percent below the 1967 clip of 141,616,000 pounds. Wool production is smaller in all Western States, except Idaho.

Sheep shorn and to be shorn in 1968 are estimated at 15,252,000 head, 6 percent less than the 16,243,000 head shorn in 1967. The average fleece weight is 8.72 pounds, the same as a year earlier.

Texas, the leading wool producing State, expects a total clip of 35,200,000 pounds, 5 percent less than the 1967 production of 36,998,000 pounds. Texas' number of sheep and lambs shorn and to be shorn, at 4,574,000 head, is 8 percent smaller, while the average fleece weight of 7.7 pounds is 0.3 pounds heavier than in 1967. Wyoming, the second ranking wool producing State, expects a production of 17,542,000 pounds, 7 percent smaller than the 18,867,000 pounds produced in 1967. Wool production in California, the third leading State, is expected to total 13,468,000 pounds, 4 percent below 1967.

Native States

A wool clip of 42,553,000 pounds is estimated in the 35 Native or 'fleece" wool States (excluding 13 Western States and Alaska). This is 8 percent less than the 46,293,000 pounds shorn in 1967. The smaller 1968 clip results from a 7-percent decline in the number of sheep and lambs shorn and a fleece weight of 8.02 pounds, 0.08 pound lighter than the 8.10 pounds in 1967.

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Wool shorn 1967 and 1968, by States

State	Number sheep shorn 1/			Weight per fleece 2/			Wool production		
	5-year average 1962-66	1967	1968	5-year average 1962-66	1967	1968	5-year average 1962-66	1967	1968
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Maine	25	18	16	7.1	7.5	7.2	180	135	115
N. H.	5.8	4.8	4.8	6.8	7.1	7.1	40	34	34
Vt.	8.2	6.8	6.1	7.7	8.2	8.1	63	56	49
Mass.	10	9.5	9.0	7.2	7.3	7.4	74	69	67
R. I.	2.1	1.8	1.7	6.9	7.2	7.3	15	13	12
Conn.	5.7	4.8	5.0	7.1	7.3	7.2	40	35	36
N. Y.	106	90	86	7.9	8.1	7.6	833	725	652
N. J.	11	8.6	8.0	7.3	7.4	7.7	77	64	62
Pa.	183	162	158	7.4	7.5	7.5	1,357	1,215	1,185
Ohio	784	692	684	8.5	8.8	8.6	6,686	6,106	5,899
Ind.	325	275	256	7.8	8.0	8.0	2,535	2,189	2,057
Ill.	523	363	335	7.4	7.9	7.7	3,882	2,854	2,592
Mich.	291	240	221	8.5	8.6	8.3	2,465	2,073	1,833
Wis.	170	150	143	7.7	8.2	8.2	1,339	1,233	1,175
Minn.	697	580	477	7.8	8.0	8.1	5,459	4,657	3,869
Iowa	1,118	823	758	7.6	8.2	8.1	8,531	6,739	6,157
Mo.	444	328	306	7.8	8.1	7.9	3,457	2,672	2,428
N. Dak.	477	354	323	9.6	9.8	9.8	4,569	3,483	3,180
S. Dak.	1,434	1,216	1,150	9.0	9.4	9.7	12,981	11,401	11,115
Nebr.	505	392	373	7.6	7.9	7.9	3,825	3,100	2,937
Kans.	532	421	404	8.2	8.6	8.5	4,339	3,612	3,415
Del.	2.7	2.4	1.9	7.1	7.1	7.4	19	17	14
Md.	22	17	17	6.9	7.1	7.1	150	121	121
Va.	228	196	189	5.9	6.2	6.1	1,349	1,218	1,153
W. Va.	200	164	158	5.6	5.9	5.9	1,128	968	932
N. C.	30	19	18	6.2	7.0	6.5	187	133	117
S. C.	4.9	2.4	1.8	6.6	7.1	6.7	32	17	12
Ga.	10	5.5	5.1	6.3	6.3	6.1	63	35	31
Fla.	6.2	5.1	5.5	4.7	6.5	5.1	29	33	28
Ky.	218	135	117	7.1	7.2	7.4	1,535	972	866
Tenn.	110	60	48	5.6	5.8	6.2	611	348	298
Ala.	13	7.0	6.2	5.9	6.0	6.0	77	42	37
Miss.	30	19	17	5.1	5.1	5.0	151	97	85
Ark.	17	8.7	7.5	6.7	7.1	7.3	117	62	55
La.	49	28	25	4.6	4.7	4.6	223	132	115
Okla.	145	125	112	8.1	8.3	8.3	1,168	1,034	935
Texas	5,565	4,993	4,574	7.7	7.4	7.7	43,015	36,998	35,200
Mont.	1,331	1,134	1,092	10.0	9.9	9.9	13,304	11,277	10,840
Idaho	840	696	703	10.3	10.6	10.6	8,689	7,346	7,446
Wyo.	1,955	1,768	1,707	10.3	10.7	10.3	20,115	18,867	17,542
Colo.	1,438	1,271	1,121	9.1	8.9	8.4	13,103	11,335	9,389
N. Mex.	1,014	884	821	9.4	9.6	9.2	9,535	8,462	7,580
Ariz.	513	472	441	7.2	7.0	6.9	3,684	3,317	3,037
Utah	1,071	1,009	988	9.9	10.1	9.9	10,561	10,227	9,748
Nev.	245	212	205	9.8	9.8	10.0	2,386	2,082	2,050
Wash.	233	159	143	9.2	9.4	9.0	2,129	1,492	1,293
Oreg.	741	571	537	7.8	8.3	8.1	5,806	4,735	4,334
Calif.	2,017	1,858	1,770	7.7	7.6	7.6	15,487	14,077	13,468
48 States	25,702	21,961	20,556	8.46	8.56	8.54	217,401	187,909	175,595
Alaska	16	21	24	11.8	11.7	11.5	185	246	276
Hawaii	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U. S.	25,718	21,982	20,580	8.46	8.56	8.55	217,586	188,155	175,871

1/ Includes sheep shorn at commercial feeding yards.
2/ For Texas and California the weight per fleece is the average per animal and not the average per shearing since some sheep are shorn more than once each year.

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WOOL PRODUCTION REPORT

ILLINOIS: An estimated 359,000 shorn sheep produced 2,689,000 pounds of wool during 1969. Production was down 5 percent from the 2,826,000 pounds produced by the 384,000 sheep shorn in 1968. However, the 1969 average fleece weight, at 7.5 pounds, was up one-tenth pound from 1968.

Value of the 1969 Illinois wool crop was estimated to be $914,000, up $10,000 from 1968.

Wool production and value, Illinois 1965-69

Year	Sheep shorn 1/	Weight per fleece	Price per pound	Value	Production
	1,000 head	Pounds	Cents	1,000 dollars	1,000 pounds
1965	485	7.6	47	1,729	3,678
1966	431	7.8	50	1,683	3,366
1967	363	7.9	34	970	2,854
1968	384	7.4	32	904	2,826
1969	359	7.5	34	914	2,689

1/ Includes shearing at commercial feeding yards.

UNITED STATES: Production of shorn and pulled wool in the United States during 1969 totaled 183 million pounds, grease basis, down 8 percent from 1968. Shorn wool production of 166 million pounds declined 7 percent from a year earlier, and is equivalent to 79 million pounds, clean basis, using a conversion factor of 47.7 percent. Pulled wool production totaled 17.1 million pounds during 1969, down 17 percent from 1968 and is equivalent to 12.5 million pounds, clean basis, using a conversion factor of 72.9 percent.

The number of sheep and lambs shorn in 1969 totaled 19.6 million head, a decrease of 6 percent from 1968. Fleece weight of shorn wool averaged 8.47 pounds per fleece, slightly under a year earlier. The average weight per skin of wool pulled was 3.46 pounds in 1969 compared with 3.43 pounds in 1968.

Ranchers and farmers in the United States during 1969 received an average price of 41.8 cents per pound for shorn wool, up 1.3 cents from 1968. Native States, (which account for most of the "fleece" wool production) received an average of 36.1 cents per pound in 1969 compared with 34.2 cents in 1968. The price received in the 11 Western States, Texas and South Dakota, (which produce most of the "territory" wool) averaged 43.7 cents per pound, compared with 42.5 cents in 1968. Total value of shorn wool produced in 1969 was $69.6 million, a decrease of 3 percent from 1968.

Wool production and value, United States 1965-69 1/

Year	Sheep shorn 2/	Weight per fleece	Shorn wool production	Price per pound 3/	Value	Pulled wool production	Total shorn & pulled wool production
	1,000 head	Pounds	1,000 pounds	Cents	1,000 dollars	1,000 pounds	
1965	23,756	8.48	201,463	47.1	94,999	23,300	224,763
1966	22,923	8.51	195,053	52.1	101,204	24,100	219,153
1967	22,022	8.58	188,919	39.8	75,163	22,400	211,319
1968	20,761	8.55	177,591	40.5	71,867	20,500	198,091
1969	19,587	8.47	165,325	41.8	69,580	17,100	182,925

1/ Data for Hawaii not available. 2/ Includes shearing at commercial feeding yards. 3/ Computed by weighting State average prices for all wool sold during the year by sales of shorn wool.

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Wool production and value, by States, 1968 and 1969

State	Sheep shorn 1/		Weight per fleece 2/		Production		Price per pound 3/		Value 4/	
	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969
	1,000 head		Pounds		1,000 pounds		Cents		1,000 dollars	
Maine	17	16	7.4	7.2	126	115	46	46	58	53
N. H.	5.2	5.4	7.1	7.0	37	38	42	43	16	16
Vt.	6.5	6.5	8.1	8.0	53	52	42	42	22	22
Mass.	9.3	9.5	7.0	6.9	65	66	41	42	27	28
R. I.	1.7	1.9	7.3	6.9	12	13	41	42	5	5
Conn.	5.1	5.4	7.2	7.0	37	38	40	41	15	16
N. Y.	91	89	8.0	7.6	728	679	40	41	291	278
N. J.	8.0	7.8	7.8	7.9	62	62	39	46	24	29
Pa.	158	156	7.4	7.4	1,169	1,154	40	42	468	485
Ohio	697	678	8.6	8.3	5,996	5,646	35	37	2,099	2,089
Ind.	262	247	8.0	7.8	2,095	1,921	31	33	649	634
Ill.	384	359	7.4	7.5	2,826	2,689	32	34	904	914
Mich.	253	240	8.5	8.4	2,163	2,017	35	37	757	746
Wis.	141	139	8.1	8.1	1,145	1,124	34	35	389	393
Minn.	503	456	8.1	8.1	4,053	3,716	33	35	1,337	1,301
Iowa	832	771	8.1	8.0	6,703	6,148	33	35	2,212	2,152
Mo.	294	264	8.0	8.2	2,354	2,155	33	34	777	733
N. Dak.	338	301	9.7	9.8	3,280	2,948	36	38	1,181	1,120
S. Dak.	1,133	1,065	9.6	9.4	10,925	9,958	41	42	4,479	4,182
Nebr.	368	360	7.7	7.8	2,840	2,800	33	35	937	980
Kans.	373	352	8.5	8.4	3,182	2,944	31	35	986	1,030
Del.	1.9	1.8	6.8	7.2	13	13	37	41	5	5
Md.	17	17	6.9	7.1	117	121	38	40	44	48
Va.	195	183	6.3	6.4	1,228	1,171	41	44	503	515
W. Va.	165	162	5.9	6.0	973	972	40	42	389	408
N. C.	18	17	6.7	6.8	121	116	36	40	44	46
S. C.	1.8	1.4	6.7	6.8	12	10	40	39	5	4
Ga.	5.4	5.1	6.7	6.8	36	35	36	41	13	14
Fla.	5.5	5.3	6.1	5.7	34	30	36	38	12	11
Ky.	115	95	7.3	7.2	840	684	35	37	294	253
Tenn.	48	41	5.8	5.9	278	242	37	40	103	97
Ala.	6.2	5.7	6.4	6.3	40	36	35	39	14	14
Miss.	16	15	4.8	4.8	77	72	32	36	25	26
Ark.	7.7	6.7	6.8	6.7	52	45	32	33	17	15
La.	25	22	4.9	4.9	122	108	31	35	38	38
Okla.	113	109	8.4	8.1	949	884	31	34	294	301
Texas	4,419	4,029	7.5	7.4	33,363	29,717	46	49	15,347	14,561
Mont.	1,075	1,017	10.1	9.7	10,848	9,891	45	45	4,882	4,451
Idaho	712	676	10.8	10.7	7,679	7,216	40	42	3,072	3,031
Wyo.	1,736	1,719	10.2	10.2	17,690	17,456	43	43	7,607	7,506
Colo.	1,182	1,148	8.8	8.8	10,455	10,077	39	40	4,077	4,031
N. Mex.	806	774	9.1	9.2	7,374	7,096	43	44	3,171	3,122
Ariz.	461	489	7.4	7.3	3,433	3,570	35	36	1,202	1,285
Utah	1,013	1,004	9.9	9.6	10,006	9,604	42	43	4,203	4,130
Nev.	209	188	10.0	9.9	2,090	1,861	43	44	899	819
Wash.	152	138	9.1	9.2	1,383	1,266	39	40	539	506
Oreg.	603	560	8.0	7.9	4,834	4,452	38	40	1,837	1,781
Calif.	1,750	1,606	7.7	7.8	13,429	12,528	41	42	5,506	5,262
48 States	20,738	19,564	8.55	8.46	177,327	165,556	40.5	42.0	71,775	69,486
Alaska	23	23	11.5	11.7	264	269	35	35	92	94
Hawaii	NOT AVAILABLE									
U. S.	20,761	19,587	8.55	8.47	177,591	165,825	40.5	42.0	71,867	69,580

1/ Includes shearing at commercial feeding yards.
2/ For Texas and California the weight per fleece is the amount of wool shorn per sheep and lamb during the year.
3/ Monthly price weighted by monthly sales of wool. U. S. average prices weighted by sales were: 1968, 40.5 and 1969, 41.8.
4/ Production multiplied by annual average price.

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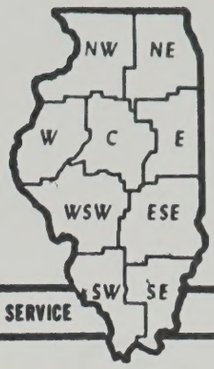

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WOOL PRODUCTION REPORT

ILLINOIS

Slightly over two million pounds of wool were shorn from 276,000 sheep and lambs on Illinois farms in 1971. This wool output was 12% under 1970 due to the decline in sheep and lambs shorn as the average fleece weight was the same--7.3 pounds in both 1970 and 1971.

Wool production and value, Illinois, 1967-71

Year	Sheep shorn 1/	Weight per fleece	Price per pound	Value	Production
	1,000 head	Pounds	Cents	1,000 dollars	1,000 pounds
1967	363	7.9	34	970	2,854
1968	384	7.4	32	904	2,826
1969	359	7.5	34	914	2,689
1970	314	7.3	33	758	2,296
1971	276	7.3	23	462	2,010

1/ Includes shearing at commercial feeding yards.

UNITED STATES

Production of shorn and pulled wool in the United States during 1971 totaled 172 million pounds, grease basis, down 3% from 1970. Shorn wool production of 159 million pounds declined 2% from a year earlier, and is equivalent to 76 million pounds, clean basis, using a conversion factor of 47.7%. Pulled wool production totaled 12.8 million pounds, down 16% from 1970 and is equivalent to 9.3 million pounds, clean basis, using a conversion factor of 72.9%.

The number of sheep and lambs shorn in 1971 totaled 18.9 million head, a decrease of 1% from 1970. Fleece weight of shorn wool averaged 8.40 pounds per fleece, slightly under a year earlier.

Ranchers and farmers in the United States received an average price of 19.4 cents per pound for shorn wool during 1971, 16.1 cents less than in 1970. Total value of shorn wool produced in 1971 was $31.2 million, a decrease of 45% from 1970.

Wool production and value, United States, 1967-71 1/

Year	Sheep shorn 2/	Weight per fleece	Shorn wool production	Price per pound 3/	Value	Pulled wool production	Total shorn & pulled wool production
	1,000 head	Pounds	1,000 pounds	Cents	1,000 dollars	1,000 pounds	
1967	22,022	8.58	188,919	39.8	75,163	22,400	211,319
1968	20,761	8.55	177,591	40.5	71,867	20,500	198,091
1969	19,554	8.47	165,655	41.8	69,485	17,100	182,755
1970	19,135	8.45	161,726	35.5	57,176	15,200	176,926
1971	18,944	8.40	159,084	19.4	31,165	12,800	171,884

1/ Data for Hawaii not available. 2/ Includes shearing at commercial feeding yards. 3/ Computed by weighting State average prices for all wool sold during the year by sales of shorn wool.

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Wool production and value, by States, 1970 and 1971

State	Sheep shorn 1/		Weight per fleece 2/		Production		Price per pound 3/		Value 4/	
	1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971
	1,000 head		Pounds		1,000 pounds		Cents		1,000 dollars	
Maine	15	14	7.3	7.1	110	99	45	36	50	36
N. H.	5.1	5.1	7.1	6.5	36	33	42	31	15	10
Vt.	6.1	5.4	8.0	8.0	49	43	43	33	21	14
Mass.	8.3	7.7	7.2	6.9	60	53	41	31	25	16
R. I.	1.6	1.6	7.1	7.0	11	11	42	30	5	3
Conn.	5.1	4.7	7.6	7.0	39	33	41	30	16	10
N. Y.	85	78	7.7	7.8	654	606	42	31	275	188
N. J.	7.9	8.2	7.6	7.2	60	59	47	31	28	18
Pa.	152	144	7.3	7.3	1,110	1,051	43	28	477	294
Ohio	642	612	8.3	8.2	5,318	5,015	35	24	1,861	1,204
Ind.	233	220	7.7	7.4	1,794	1,628	34	24	610	391
Ill.	314	276	7.3	7.3	2,296	2,010	33	23	758	462
Mich.	219	208	8.2	8.2	1,803	1,708	37	25	667	427
Wis.	126	119	8.0	8.1	1,010	960	35	23	354	221
Minn.	448	428	8.1	8.1	3,643	3,468	34	22	1,239	763
Iowa	707	678	7.6	7.6	5,349	5,160	34	21	1,819	1,084
Mo.	245	230	7.7	7.9	1,895	1,820	35	24	663	437
N. Dak.	297	305	9.7	9.4	2,878	2,873	37	23	1,065	661
S. Dak.	1,025	1,031	9.3	9.3	9,509	9,585	36	22	3,423	2,109
Nebr.	372	348	7.4	7.5	2,736	2,610	31	18	848	470
Kans.	320	310	8.1	8.8	2,606	2,715	31	14	808	380
Del.	1.7	1.7	7.2	6.8	12	12	41	29	5	3
Md.	17	18	7.1	6.9	121	124	42	29	51	36
Va.	178	165	6.2	6.2	1,104	1,023	49	35	541	358
W. Va.	150	140	5.9	5.7	885	798	49	33	434	263
N. C.	16	14	6.8	6.9	109	97	44	32	48	31
S. C.	1.3	1.3	7.0	6.5	9	8	42	28	4	2
Ga.	4.7	3.9	7.1	6.3	33	25	34	24	11	6
Fla.	4.7	4.4	5.1	5.0	24	22	34	26	8	6
Ky.	82	72	7.1	7.2	582	518	38	24	221	124
Tenn.	36	28	5.7	5.8	205	162	43	27	88	44
Ala.	5.4	4.9	6.0	6.8	32	33	35	22	11	7
Miss.	13	11	5.1	5.1	66	56	34	22	22	12
Ark.	6	6	7.0	7.3	42	44	29	18	12	8
La.	23	22	5.4	5.4	124	119	36	19	45	23
Okla.	110	113	8.1	8.4	895	952	30	14	269	133
Tex.	4,048	4,164	7.6	7.3	30,784	30,397	36	16	11,082	4,864
Mont.	972	939	9.7	9.6	9,468	9,016	38	21	3,598	1,893
Idaho	630	633	10.9	10.9	6,845	6,911	37	23	2,533	1,590
Wyo.	1,656	1,634	10.1	9.9	16,756	16,185	35	20	5,865	3,237
Colo.	1,220	1,384	8.9	8.7	10,817	12,081	33	17	3,570	2,054
N. Mex.	781	752	8.7	9.1	6,833	6,858	34	17	2,323	1,166
Ariz.	477	497	7.5	7.6	3,559	3,772	32	15	1,139	566
Utah	985	960	10.1	9.5	9,922	9,167	32	18	3,175	1,650
Nev.	181	170	10.1	10.3	1,828	1,751	29	18	530	315
Wash.	160	144	8.6	9.0	1,371	1,296	38	22	521	285
Oreg.	568	589	7.8	7.3	4,430	4,312	40	27	1,772	1,164
Calif.	1,553	1,423	7.5	8.1	11,665	11,580	36	18	4,199	2,084
48 States	19,114	18,928	8.45	8.39	161,487	158,859	35.4	19.6	57,104	31,122
Alaska	21	16	11.4	14.1	239	225	30	19	72	43
Hawaii										
U. S.	19,135	18,944	8.45	8.40	161,726	159,084	35.4	19.6	57,176	31,165

1/ Includes shearing at commercial feeding yards.
2/ For Texas and California the weight per fleece is the amount of wool shorn per sheep and lamb during the year.
3/ Monthly price weighted by monthly sales of wool. U.S. average prices weighted by sales were: 1970, 35.5 and 1971, 19.4.
4/ Production multiplied by annual average price.

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WOOL PRODUCTION REPORT

ILLINOIS

Wool production in Illinois in 1972 is estimated at two million pounds, 1% above 1971, according to the Illinois Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. The number of sheep shorn, at 280,000, was down 2,000 head from 1971, but fleece weight increased from 7.3 pounds in 1971 to 7.4 pounds in 1972.

Wool production and value, Illinois, 1968-72

Year	Sheep shorn 1/	Weight per fleece	Price per pound	Value	Production
	1,000 head	Pounds	Cents	1,000 dollars	1,000 pounds
1968	384	7.4	32	904	2,826
1969	352	7.3	34	877	2,579
1970	306	7.3	33	737	2,232
1971	282	7.3	23	474	2,060
1972	280	7.4	27	559	2,071

1/ Includes shearing at commercial feeding yards.

UNITED STATES

Production of shorn and pulled wool in the United States during 1972 totaled 168 million pounds, grease basis, down 3% from 1971. Shorn wool production of 158 million pounds declined 1% from a year earlier, and is equivalent to 75 million pounds clean basis, using a conversion factor of 47.7%. Pulled wool production totaled 9.7 million pounds, down 19% from 1971 and is equivalent to 7.1 million pounds, clean basis, using a conversion factor of 72.9%.

The number of sheep and lambs shorn in 1972 totaled 18.8 million head, a 1% decrease from 1971. Fleece weight of shorn wool averaged 8.41 pounds per fleece, unchanged from a year earlier. The average weight per skin of pulled wool was 3.40 pounds in 1972 compared with 3.46 pounds in 1971.

Ranchers and farmers in the United States received an average price of 35.0 cents per pound for shorn wool during 1972, 15.6 cents more than in 1971. Native States (which account for most of the "fleece" wool production) received an average of 30.9 cents per pound in 1972 compared with 22.6 cents in 1971. The 11 Western States, Texas and South Dakota (which produce most of the "territory" wool) received an average price of 36.2 cents per pound, compared with 18.6 cents in 1971. Total value of shorn wool produced in 1972 was $55.3 million, compared with $31.4 million in 1971.

Wool production and value, United States, 1968-72 1/

Year	Sheep shorn 2/	Weight per fleece	Shorn wool production	Price per pound 3/	Value	Pulled wool production	Total shorn & pulled wool production
	1,000 head	Pounds	1,000 pounds	Cents	1,000 dollars	1,000 pounds	
1968	20,759	8.55	177,396	40.5	71,778	20,500	197,896
1969	19,584	8.46	165,749	41.8	69,516	17,100	182,849
1970	19,163	8.43	161,587	35.4	57,162	15,200	176,787
1971	18,036	8.41	160,157	19.6	31,416	12,000	172,157
1972	18,778	8.41	157,881	35.0	55,287	9,700	167,581

1/ Data for Hawaii not available. 2/ Includes shearing at commercial feeding yards. 3/ Computed by weighting State average prices for all wool sold during the year by sales of shorn wool.

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